We are gathered here today in the sight of God to join together this man, (Groom First and Last Name), and this woman, (Bride First and Last Name), in Holy Matrimony.

Opening prayer: Oh Lord our God we thank you for being here today as (Groom and Bride) begin a life together. Bless them, guide them, and give them all they need to have a successful marriage. Show them how to love each other even as you have loved them and all of us here today. Protect them Oh Lord from the snares of this world and help them to realize their potential together. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Marriage is a sacred and joyous covenant, which should be entered into reverently. Husband and wife should give to each other companionship, comfort, and support in times of prosperity as well as in times of adversity. Marriage has been guarded and esteemed through the ages for the stability and happiness it brings to the individual, the family, and the community. Therefore, the uniting of two individuals, from two separate families and backgrounds, to establish a new family, is an important and memorable event. For us, attached as we are to (Groom) and to (Bride) by special bonds and affections, the uniting of these two people in heart, body, and mind is an occasion of great significance, which we can all celebrate.

*I remind you of the words of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. “Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to take offense. Love keeps no score of wrongs, does not gloat over other men’s inequities, but delights in the truth. There is nothing love cannot face; no limit to its faith, its hope, and its endurance. Love never ends. So faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love.”*

***(Groom and Bride), you are about to make promises to one another. Today, these promises, these vows, are beautiful words representing even more beautiful intentions. And you will find as you live these vows over the years, investing your time and your love and your commitment to one another, that the happy times will be twice as joyous, because there will be someone to share your joy with. And when life gets tough, it will be only half as bad, because there will be someone by your side to help carry the burden.***

We all face challenges in our lives. (Groom and Bride) will be no different, but they have their love for each other and their faith in the goodness of the Lord as their help.

**(Groom and Bride), please face one another.**

**(Groom), repeat after me.**

Before God and these witnesses, I (Groom), take you (Bride), to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death, this is my solemn vow.

**(Bride), repeat after me.**

Before God and these witnesses, I (Bride), take you (Groom), to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death, this is my solemn vow.

(Groom, Bride) — you have each pledged to the other your lifelong commitment, love and devotion in Holy Matrimony. In the name of our Lord Jesus I now pronounce you husband and wife. Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

**(Groom) you may kiss your bride!**

**Let us pray.**

Grant, O Lord, that (Groom and Groom) may dwell together in unity and love all the days of their life. Bless them with health, prosperity, and peace. Strengthen them to obey and serve you that when the joys and sorrows and all the good and evil of this passing world are ended, they may inherit your promises and share in your eternal glory. **Amen**.

May the grace of our Lord, and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you here today, both now and forever. **Amen**.

**It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mr. And Mrs. (Groom and Bride with Last Name)!**