

Rite for Celebrating Marriage
Outside Mass

Date:..... Time:.....

Priest: Rev Fr.....
Groom:
Bride:

Entrance Hymn:

Introduction Rites

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:Reader:.....

Psalm:

Second Reading:Reader:.....

Gospel:Reader: Fr.....

Homily: Fr.....

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Introduction

Questions

Consent

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Prayers of the Faithful:Reader:.....

Nuptial Blessing & Lord's Prayer

Signing of the Register:

Recessional Hymn / Procession:.....

Introduction

The Priest says:

My dear friends, you have come together in this church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the Church's minister and this community. Christ abundantly blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism and now he enriches and strengthens you by a special sacrament so that you may assume the duties of marriage in mutual and lasting fidelity. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

Questions

The Priest says:

N. and N., have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?

Will you love and honour each other as man and wife for the rest of your lives?
The following question may be omitted if, for example, the couple is advanced in years.

Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

Consent (Marriage Vows)

The bridegroom says:

**I, N., take you, N., to be my wife,
I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health.
I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.**

The bride says:

**I, N., take you, N., to be my husband,
I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health.
I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.**

Blessing & Exchange of rings

The bridegroom places his wife's ring on her finger and says:

**N., take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**

The bride places her husband's ring on his finger and says:

**N., take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**