

MARRIAGE

The presiding minister addresses the couple in these or similar words:

The Lord God in his goodness created us male and female, and by the gift marriage founded human community in a joy that begins now and is brought to perfection in the life to come. Therefore *name* and *name*, if it is your intention to share with one another the joys and sorrows and all that the years might bring, I ask you with your promise to bind yourselves one to another as husband and wife.

VOWS

The presiding minister addresses the couple in these or similar words:

Name and *name*, I invite you to join your hands and declare your vows.

The couple joins hands.

In the presence of God and this community, I, *name*, take you, *name*, to be my wife/husband: to have and to hold from this day forward, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, and I promise to be faithful to you as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

GIVING OF RINGS

When rings are to be exchanged, they may be placed on the service book of the minister or held by an assisting minister. The presiding minister may say:

These rings are visible reminder of the promises *name* and *name* have made to one another today. The very nature and design of these rings speak to the precious and unending nature of their promises.

Bless these rings, O God; may they who wear them live in love and fidelity, and continue in your service all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The couple exchanges rings with these or similar words:

Name, I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

ACCLAMATION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

Name and *Name*,

By their promises before God and in the presence of this assembly have bound themselves to one another as husband and wife. Those whom God has joined together let no one set apart.
Amen. Thanks be to God.