

CHRISTIAN CEREMONY #3

Good Afternoon, it gives me great pleasure to be here today to celebrate the union of these two people in love.

Who allows these two people, to be joined in holy matrimony?
WE DO! (Parents)

Minister:

Let us pray.

O gracious and ever living God, you have created us male and female in your image: Look mercifully upon this man and this woman who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace.

That through your light they will honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with us in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Love is a word that contains so much impact; we are often hard put to define it.

The apostle Paul gives a soaring description of God's kind of love in 1st Corinthians. It states: Love is patient; love is kind, it is not jealous. It does not brag and is not arrogant. Love does not act unbecomingly or seek its own, it is not provoked and does not take into account a wrong suffered. It does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Love gives freely without conditions and because it does, its primary goal is to make the other person happy. It is the desire to embrace and cherish one another, welcoming individuality and support. Love is the soil and climate in which each can flourish and is one of the greatest blessings two people can attain.

CEREMONY OF THE RINGS

MINISTER: Traditionally, the marking- of the passage to title status of husband and wife is marked by the exchange of rings. These rings are a symbol of the unbroken circle of love. Love freely given has no beginning or no end, no giver, and no receiver for each is the giver, and each is the receiver. May these rings always remind you of the vows you are about to take.

VOWS

MINISTER: Victor, will you take this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together in marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, and honor her, in sickness and in health, in sorrow and in joy, so long as you both shall live?

GROOM: "I WILL"

Groom; Places ring on Bride's finger.

MINISTER: Tamara, will you take this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together in marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, and honor him, in sickness and in health, in sorrow and in joy, so long as you both shall live?

BRIDE: "I WLL"

Bride; Places ring on Groom's finger.

UNITY CANDLE CEREMONY

(can be replaced with another unity candle ceremony)

MINISTER: This candle is a candle of Marriage because it represents two hearts joining as one. It is a candle of Unity, because both come together, giving a spark of themselves to create a new light. It is a candle of commitment, because it take two people working together to keep it a flame. Ultimately, it is a candle of Faith, because it's flame represents the light of the Lord that lives in each of us.

As you light this candle today, may the brightness of the flame shine throughout your lives. May it give you courage and reassurance in darkness, warmth and safety in the cold, Strength and joy in your bodies, minds, and spirits.

May your union be forever blessed!!

PRONOUNCEMENT

In as much as you have consented together in this ceremony, and have sealed your vows in the presence of this company and by the giving of these rings, it gives me great pleasure to pronounce that you are now
Husband and Wife.

CONGRATULATIONS, you may kiss the bride!!

