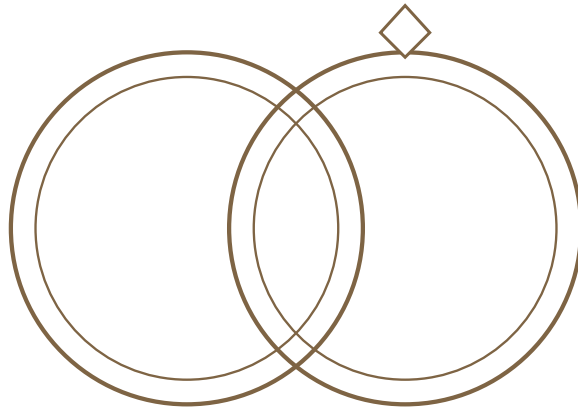


FREE PRINTABLE • KING JAMES VERSION

Christian
Wedding Ceremony
Script & Program

OFFICIANT SCRIPT • TRADITIONAL VOWS • PROGRAM • READINGS



9 PAGES • US LETTER + A4 • FILL IN BY HAND

“And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

ECCLESIASTES 4:12 (KJV)

For a church wedding, a small ceremony at home or outdoors, or a vow renewal.

START HERE

Planning the Ceremony

A Christian wedding is a worship service: two people make their promises before God and the people who love them. This pack gives the officiant a full script with the traditional vows, gives you a program to print and fold at home, and lists Bible readings and hymns to choose from.

WHAT IS IN THIS PACK

- **Page 3:** a sample order of ceremony, about 20 to 30 minutes.
- **Pages 4 and 5:** the officiant script, word for word, with the traditional vows and a simple-vows option.
- **Pages 6 and 7:** the program, a folded 5.5 x 8.5 in booklet (US Letter) or A5 booklet (A4).
- **Page 8:** four vow cards to read from at the altar and keep afterward.
- **Page 9:** wedding Scripture readings and hymns.

HOW TO PRINT THE PROGRAM

- Print pages 6 and 7 on one sheet, double-sided, **flip on short edge**, at actual size (100%).
- Fill in that copy neatly with a fine black pen: names, date, wedding party and order of ceremony.
- Check it, then photocopy that master for your guests. A print shop can do this quickly.
- Fold in half so "The Wedding of" panel is on the front. Card stock or 28 to 32 lb paper folds best.

BEFORE THE WEDDING DAY, CHECK

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| ☐ Marriage license obtained | ☐ Officiant can marry in your state |
| ☐ Witnesses, if your state needs them | ☐ Readers and readings agreed |
| ☐ Vows chosen and practiced | ☐ Rings with the best man |
| ☐ Hymns and music chosen | ☐ Rehearsal day and time |

Ask first. Your pastor or church may have its own order of service and vows; use these pages alongside theirs. Marriage laws (license, who may officiate, witnesses, the signing) differ from state to state, so check with your county clerk. Free to print and copy for any Christian wedding or vow renewal.

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

PSALM 127:1 (KJV)

A CHRISTIAN WEDDING

Sample Order of Ceremony

Most Christian ceremonies take 20 to 30 minutes. This is a common order; your pastor may change it.

1 Prelude

Music as guests are seated, about 15 minutes before the start.

2 Seating of the Families

Grandparents, then the mother of the groom, then the mother of the bride.

3 Processional

The groom and groomsmen wait at the front; bridesmaids, flower girl and ring bearer walk in, then the bride.

4 Welcome and Opening Words

The officiant welcomes the guests and says why we have gathered before God.

5 Opening Prayer

A short prayer asking God to bless the marriage and the day.

6 Giving of the Bride

Optional. The father, both parents or a family member presents the bride.

7 Scripture Reading

One or two passages, read by a friend or family member (see page 9).

8 Message

A short charge to the couple on Christian marriage, about 5 to 10 minutes.

9 Declaration and Vows

The couple say "I will," then make their vows to each other.

10 Exchange of Rings

Each ring is given with a short promise.

11 Prayer and Pronouncement

A prayer for the couple, then husband and wife are pronounced; the kiss.

12 Benediction and Recessional

The blessing, the presentation of the couple, and music as everyone leaves.

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

GENESIS 2:24 (KJV)

Officiant Script

Words in parentheses are filled in by the officiant. Words marked Traditional are from the Book of Common Prayer (1928).

Welcome and Opening Words

OFFICIANT Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God, and in the presence of family and friends, to join (groom) and (bride) in holy marriage. Marriage was given by God in the beginning, was honored by Jesus at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, and is a picture of the love of Christ for His church. It is not to be entered into lightly, but reverently and in the fear of God.

Opening Prayer

OFFICIANT Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank thee for (groom) and (bride) and for the love thou hast given them. Be present with us now; bless the promises they make today, and keep them faithful to thee and to each other all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Giving of the Bride (optional)

Traditional (1928):

OFFICIANT Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

FATHER OR FAMILY I do. (Or: Her mother and I do.)

Scripture Reading and Message

READER A reading from page 9, for example 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 or Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.

OFFICIANT A short message: God's design for marriage (Genesis 2:24), love that is patient and kind (1 Corinthians 13), and a home built on the Lord (Psalm 127:1).

Declaration of Intent

Traditional (1928). To the groom, then to the bride:

OFFICIANT (Name), wilt thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

GROOM I will.

OFFICIANT (Name), wilt thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

BRIDE I will.

"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

COLOSSIANS 3:14 (KJV)

Officiant Script

Choose the traditional or the simple vows; you can also use the vow cards on page 8.

The Vows

Traditional (1928). The couple join right hands and repeat after the officiant:

GROOM I, (name), take thee, (name), to my wedded Wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

BRIDE I, (name), take thee, (name), to my wedded Husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

Or Simple Vows

EACH IN TURN I, (name), take you, (name), to be my husband (wife). Before God and these witnesses I promise to love you, to honor you and to be faithful to you, in good times and in hard times, as long as we both shall live.

Exchange of Rings

Traditional (1928). Each places the ring on the fourth finger of the left hand and says:

EACH IN TURN With this Ring I thee wed: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer and Pronouncement

The middle line is traditional (1928). Use the pronouncement wording your church and state expect.

OFFICIANT Almighty God, bless (groom) and (bride) in their life together. Give them patience, kindness and a love that does not fail, and make their home a place of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFICIANT Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

OFFICIANT Forasmuch as (groom) and (bride) have made their vows before God and these witnesses, I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may kiss the bride.

"Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

MATTHEW 19:6 (KJV)

Benediction and Presentation

OFFICIANT Receive this blessing from the Word of God:

"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

NUMBERS 6:24-26 (KJV)

OFFICIANT It is my joy to present to you, for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. (name). (Recessional music.)



The Wedding Party

MAID OR MATRON OF HONOR

BEST MAN

BRIDESMAID

GROOMSMAN

BRIDESMAID

GROOMSMAN

BRIDESMAID

GROOMSMAN

FLOWER GIRL

RING BEARER

PARENTS OF THE BRIDE

PARENTS OF THE GROOM

With Thanks

Thank you for sharing this day with us and for your prayers as we begin our life together.

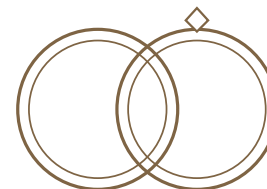
RECEPTION

"O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together."

PSALM 34:3 (KJV)

A CHRISTIAN CEREMONY OF HOLY MATRIMONY

The Wedding of



BRIDE



GROOM

DATE

TIME

PLACE



"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 (KJV)

Order of Ceremony

OFFICIANT

Prelude

Seating of the Families

Processional

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Special Music

Message

Vows and Rings

Pronouncement

Benediction

Recessional

Scripture and Music

READING

READ BY

READING

READ BY

SPECIAL MUSIC

SUNG OR PLAYED BY

IN LOVING MEMORY

A NOTE FROM THE COUPLE

"We love him, because he first loved us."

1 JOHN 4:19 (KJV)

His Vows

TRADITIONAL (1928)

*I, (name), take thee, (name), to my wedded
Wife, to have and to hold from this day
forward, for better for worse, for richer for
poorer, in sickness and in health, to love
and to cherish, till death us do part,
according to God's holy ordinance; and
thereto I plight thee my troth.*

OUR WEDDING DAY

Her Vows

TRADITIONAL (1928)

*I, (name), take thee, (name), to my wedded
Husband, to have and to hold from this
day forward, for better for worse, for
richer for poorer, in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish, till death us do part,
according to God's holy ordinance; and
thereto I give thee my troth.*

OUR WEDDING DAY

Ring Vows

TRADITIONAL (1928) OR SIMPLE

*With this Ring I thee wed: In the Name of
the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Ghost. Amen.*

*I give you this ring as a sign of my love and
faithfulness, in the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

OUR WEDDING DAY

A Vow from Scripture

RUTH TO NAOMI

*"And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or
to return from following after thee: for whither
thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I
will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy
God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and
there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and
more also, if ought but death part thee and me."*

RUTH 1:16-17 (KJV)

OUR WEDDING DAY

FROM THE KING JAMES BIBLE

Wedding Scripture Readings

Choose one or two. A family member or friend can read; page 4 shows where the reading fits.

Genesis 2:18-24	<i>They shall be one flesh</i>
Ruth 1:16-17	<i>Whither thou goest, I will go</i>
Psalms 127:1-5	<i>Except the LORD build the house</i>
Proverbs 3:3-6	<i>Trust in the LORD with all thine heart</i>
Proverbs 31:10-31	<i>Her price is far above rubies</i>
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	<i>A threefold cord is not quickly broken</i>
Song of Solomon 8:6-7	<i>Many waters cannot quench love</i>
Matthew 19:4-6	<i>What therefore God hath joined together</i>
John 2:1-11	<i>A marriage in Cana of Galilee</i>
Romans 12:9-18	<i>Let love be without dissimulation</i>
1 Corinthians 13:4-13	<i>Charity suffereth long, and is kind</i>
Ephesians 5:25-33	<i>Husbands, love your wives</i>
Colossians 3:12-17	<i>Put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness</i>
1 John 4:7-12	<i>Beloved, let us love one another</i>

HYMNS FOR A WEDDING (PUBLIC DOMAIN, WORDS ON BYSCRIPTURE.COM)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	Be Thou My Vision
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	Holy, Holy, Holy
Take My Life and Let It Be	Blessed Assurance
Crown Him with Many Crowns	Amazing Grace

FOR THE NEWLYWEDS

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Learn verses together, Scripture Memory Cards: byscripture.com/shop/scripture-memory-cards/

ALSO FREE

Bible verses for a wedding (KJV): byscripture.com/bible-verses-about-wedding/

1 Corinthians 13 (KJV), the love chapter: byscripture.com/1-corinthians-13-kjv/

Bible verses about love and marriage: byscripture.com/bible-verses-about-love-marriage/

The LORD bless thee and keep thee (Numbers 6:24-26): byscripture.com/numbers-6-24-26/

Proverbs 31 (KJV): byscripture.com/proverbs-31-kjv/

“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.”

1 JOHN 4:7 (KJV)

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