



The Marriage Service

Please stand for the entrance of the Bride.

[Music here—either hymn or instrumental.]

Greeting and Introduction

The priest greets the people:

PRIEST In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL **Amen.**

PRIEST The Lord be with you.

ALL **and also with you.**

The priest introduces the service.

Hymn

[If the Entrance was not a hymn, one would be appropriate here. If it was a hymn, then omit this one.]

All remain standing to sing [hymn name].

[include hymn words]

The Declarations

The priest asks [names of couple] for their consent to marry.
Then, the congregation is asked to promise to support
[names of couple] in their marriage.

PRIEST Will you, the families and friends of [names of couple], support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

ALL **We will.**

Collect

The priest offers a prayer, to which all respond:

Amen.

Readings

Please be seated for the readings.

Sermon

Please be seated for the sermon.

Hymn

[This is a good place for a hymn, breaking up the readings/sermon from the vows.]

Please stand to sing [hymn name]

[hymn words]

The Exchanging of Vows and Rings

The couple exchange vows and rings, and are declared married.

The Blessing of the Marriage

The priest blesses the marriage, to which all respond:

Amen.

Then the priest offers a prayer, to which all respond:

Amen.

Signing of the Marriage Document

Please stand to sing [hymn name], as the couple and witnesses sign the marriage document.

[I generally recommend a hymn here, to keep the congregation busy—but an instrumental piece is also possible.]

[hymn words]

Prayers

Prayers are offered, to which the responses are:

Lord, hear us.

ALL **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The prayers are concluded with the Lord's Prayer:

PRIEST Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

ALL **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Hymn

[If the Exit is not a hymn, one could be placed here. If it is, then omit. If you'd prefer to keep the service shorter, omit the hymn here regardless.]

Please stand to sing [hymn name]
[hymn words]

Dismissal

The priest pronounces God's blessing on the congregation:

PRIEST God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith
and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth
and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

ALL Amen.

The married couple depart together.

[Music here—either hymn or instrumental.]