

Be Present, Holiest Spirit,  
To Bless Them As They Kneel,  
As Thou For Christ The Bridegroom  
The Heavenly Spouse Dost Seal.

O Spread Thy Pure Wings O'er Them!  
Let No Ill Power Find Place,  
When Onward To Thine Altar  
The Hallowed Path They Trace,

To Cast Their Crowns Before Thee,  
In Perfect Sacrifice,  
Till To The Home Of Gladness  
With Christ's Own Bride They Rise!

## **THE PREFACE**

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

Will you, the families and friends of Vernon and Janet, continue to support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

**All:** We will.

(The choir and the congregation sit)

## **THE COLLECT**

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from Ephesians 5: 22-23

## **THE ADDRESS**

### **THE PASTOR SAYS**

Beloved seeing it has pleased almighty God, our heavenly father, to guide you to seek his blessing once again upon the union you entered 25 years ago, It is my duty as a minister of the gospel to remind you that marriage is a way of life instituted by God.

Marriage is therefore not to be undertaken lightly or ill-advisedly, but seriously and prayerfully, duly considering the purposes for which it is ordained.

### **The Pastor Says: All Stand**

Beloved, I remind you that marriage is a covenant instituted by God and is also a special gift; a lifelong dedication to love, and a daily challenge to love each another more fully and more freely.

With this understanding, do you Vernon John Fernandez continue to take Janet Dorothy Fernandez as your beloved wife, to continue to love and cherish her, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse, and keep yourself only unto her?

Vernon answers I do

With this understanding, do you Janet Dorothy Fernandez, continue to take Vernon John Fernandez as your beloved husband, to continue to love and cherish him, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse, and keep yourself only unto him?

Janet answers I do

From earliest times, the ring has been a symbol of wedded love. An unbroken and never-ending circle symbolizes a continuous commitment to love. Vernon and Janet let these rings serve as the symbol of your continued love and commitment to each other and may they also serve as a sign of your continued happiness and joy. Exchange these rings as a token of your constant faith and abiding love, and as a pledge that you will continue to honour each other.

(Vernon and Janet exchange the blessed rings)

(The choir and the congregation sit)

Not one's marriage is perfect. As you continue in this union, you already know that it will take a lot of love and work to maintain your relationship.

Many couples tend to think of marriage as a 50/50 proposition. Actually, the best relationships are 90/10. If you both will give 90 percent and take only 10 percent, you will have a formula likely to bring both of you happiness for the rest of your lives.

As you continue your journey together with God as your center, I ask you to remember this advice:

Let your love be stronger than your anger.

Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend than to break.

Believe the best of your beloved rather than the worst.

Confide in your partner and ask for help when you need it.

Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting relationship.

Give your spouse the same courtesies and kindnesses you bestow on your friends.

Say "I love you" every day.

You may now seal your vows, and confirm your continued commitment and love for each other, with a kiss.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my honour to present to you, once again as husband and wife Vernon John Fernandez and Janet Dorothy Fernandez

## **HYMN**

O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,  
Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne,  
That theirs may be the love that knows no ending,  
Whom Thou forevermore dost join in one.

O perfect Life, be Thou their full assurance  
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,  
Of patient hope, and quiet, brave endurance,  
With childlike trust that fears nor pain nor death.

Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;  
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife,  
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow  
That dawns upon eternal love and life.

### **The Pastor Says Psalm 128**

1. Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,  
Who walks in his ways!
2. You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;  
You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.
3. Your wife will be like a fruit vine  
Within your house.
4. Your children will be like olive shoots  
Around your table.

5. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed  
Who fears the lord.

6. The Lord bless you from Zion!  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusaleme

7. All the days of your life ! May you see your children's children!  
Peace be upon Israel!

Congregation: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

### **Sermon: Dr. Samson Gandhi**

Prayers

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor & Congregation: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; Your 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pastor : Lord, save your servant and your handmaid:

Congregation: And let them put their trust in you.

Pastor: O Lord, send help from your holy place:

Congregation: And evermore defend them.

Pastor: Be unto them a tower of strength:

Congregation: From the face of their enemy.

Pastor: O Lord, hear our prayer

Congregation: And let our cry come unto you.

Pastor: O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, we beseech you, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and in the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Benediction:**

The grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you, that you may live in faith, abound in hope, and grow in love, both now and for evermore. Amen

Go in peace in the name of Christ Amen

## **To Our Beloved Guest**

Thank you for taking the time to be with us on our most special day. We appreciate your presence and hope you enjoyed the celebration as much as we did!

From our hearts to yours, thank you for being present as we exchanged our vows. We can't wait to hang out with you, again as husband and wife!

Our hearts are full seeing all of our wonderful friends and family in one place, celebrating with us as we begin the next chapter in our lives. We will forever be thankful that you took some time out of your busy schedule to be with us. Your presence on our special day, is priceless.