

ENTRANCE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN – ALL HAIL THE POWER
GREETINGS
INTRODUCTION

Pastor

Dear Friends, we have come together in the presence of God to witness the marriage of **OLUWATAMILORE and FERDINAND**, to surround them with our prayers, and to share in their joy. The scriptures teach us that the bond and covenant of marriage is a gift of God, a holy mystery in which two become one flesh, an image of the union of Christ and the church. As this couple give themselves to each other today, we remember that at Cana in Galilee our Savior Jesus Christ made the wedding feast a sign of God's reign of love. Let us enter this celebration confident that through the Holy Spirit, Christ is present with us now. We pray that this couple may fulfil God's purpose for the whole of their lives.

PRAYER

All

Gracious God, always faithful in your love for us, we rejoice in your presence. You create love. You unite us in one human family. You offer your word and lead us in light. You open your loving arms and embrace us with strength. May the presence of Christ fill our hearts with new joy and make new the lives of your servants whose marriage we celebrate. Bless all creation through this sign of your love shown in the love of **OLUWATAMILORE and FERDINAND** for each other. May the power of your Holy Spirit sustain them and all of us in love that knows no end. Amen.

Pastor

Through the great depth and strength of God's love for us, God reaches out to us to forgive our sins and to restore us to life. Be assured, children of God, that God's love enfolds us and upbuilds us so that we may continue to love one another as God has loved us.

HYMN - LET THERE BE LIGHT

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Genesis 2:21-22; Song of Solomon 2:8-13, 8:6-7

2nd Reading Romans 12:1-2, 9-18

HYMN – ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save me from its guilt and power.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All could never sin erase,
Thou must save, and save by grace.

Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

WEDDING MESSAGE (SERMONETTE).
HYMN – AMAZING GRACE RENDITION
DECLARATION OF INTENTION

Pastor (addressing the couple)

Before God and this congregation, I ask you to affirm your willingness to enter this covenant of marriage and to share all the joys and sorrows of this new relationship, whatever the future may hold.

Pastor (addressing the bride)

OLUWATAMILORE, will you enter into the covenant of marriage with **FERDINAND**, and will you love him faithfully as long as you both shall live?

Bride

I will, with the help of God.

Pastor (addressing the bridegroom)

FERDINAND, will you enter into the covenant of marriage with **OLUWATAMILORE**, and will you love her faithfully as long as you both shall live?

Bridegroom

I will, with the help of God.

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

Pastor (addressing the families)

Will the families of **OLUWATAMILORE and FERDINAND** (please stand) confirm their support of this couple. Do you offer your prayerful blessing and loving support to this marriage? If so, please say, "I do."

Family Members

I do.

Pastor (addressing the congregation)

Do you, as people of God, pledge your support and encouragement to the covenant commitment that **OLUWATAMILORE and FERDINAND** are making together? If so, please say, "We do."

People

We do.

Pastor

God of our mothers and of our fathers, hear our pledges encouraging and supporting this union of **OLUWATAMILORE and FERDINAND**. Bless us as we offer our prayerful and loving support to their marriage. Bless them as they pledge their lives to each other. With faith in you and in each other, may this couple always bear witness to the reality of the love to which we witness this day.

May their love continue to grow, and may it be a true reflection of your love for us all, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

VOWS OF THE MARRIAGE COVENANT

Pastor

OLUWATAMILORE and FERDINAND, by your covenant promises shared with us, unite yourselves in marriage and be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Personal vows from the couple

Bride

FERDINAND, I give myself to you in the covenant of marriage. I promise to love and sustain you in this covenant, from this day forward, in sickness and in health, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, as long as we both shall live.

Bridegroom

OLUWATAMILORE, I give myself to you in the covenant of marriage. I promise to love and sustain you in this covenant, from this day forward, in sickness and in health, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, as long as we both shall live.

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Pastor

OLUWATAMILORE and FERDINAND, what will you share to symbolize your love?

Rings presented to Pastor (Ring Bearer).

Pastor

By these rings of covenant promise, Gracious God, remind **OLUWATAMILORE and FERDINAND** of your encircling love and unending faithfulness that in all their life together they may know joy and peace in one another.

People

Amen.

Bride

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

Bridegroom

I receive this ring as a sign of our love and faithfulness.

Bridegroom

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

Bride

I receive this ring as a sign of our love and faithfulness.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

Pastor (addressing the couple)

OLUWATAMILORE and FERDINAND, you have committed yourselves to each other in this joyous and sacred covenant. Become one. Fulfil your promises. Love and serve God, honour Christ and each other, and rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor (addressing the congregation)

By their promises made before us this day, **OLUWATAMILORE and FERDINAND** have united themselves in the sacred covenant of marriage. Those whom God has joined together let no one separate.

INSTRUMENTAL RENDITION – CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE

BLESSING

A blessing for the couple

Pastor

The grace of Christ attends you; the love of God surrounds you; the Holy Spirit keep you that you may grow in holy love, find delight in each other always, and remain faithful until your life's end.

People

Amen.

HYMN – THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT

The LORD's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My table Thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

My soul He doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.
your new text box

Yea, though I walk thro' death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor

Let us pray.

Pastor

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love. You sent Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross into the way of life. We thank you, too, for consecrating the union of two people in Christ's name.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing on **OLUWATAMILORE and FERDINAND**. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal on their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown on their heads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship, in their sleeping and in their waking, in their joys and in their sorrows, in their lives and in their deaths. Nurture them in a community of the faithful gathered about you.

Pastor

At the last, receive them and all of us at the love feast prepared for all the faithful in your eternal home, where Jesus Christ, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, reigns in love for ever.

People

Amen.

HYMN – IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

(Standing)

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor

Go forth in the love of God; go forth in hope and joy, knowing that God is with you always. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of Christ Jesus; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be with you, and remain with you always.

People

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN – GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you

ORDER OF PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION

Couple with Officiating Ministers & Wives

Couple Alone

Bride Alone

Groom Alone

Couple with Bride's Parents

Couple with Bride's Parents & Siblings

Couple with Bride's Parents, Siblings, Aunties, Uncles & Cousins

Couple with Bride's Parents & Bride's Family Guests

Couple with Bride's Parents and ICOBA 74/79 Set

Couple with Bride's Parents & Grooms Parents

Couple with Grooms Parents

Couple with Groom's Parents & Siblings

Couple with Groom's Parents, Siblings, Aunties, Uncles & Cousins

Couple with Groom's Parents & Groom's Family Guests

Couple with Bridal Train

Couple with Bridal Train & Groomsman

Bride with Bridesmaids / Maid of honour

Groom and Groomsman / Best man

Couple with Friends