



VOWS

TRADITIONAL VOWS

I, _____, take you, _____,
To be my wife/husband;
And I promise
Before God and these witnesses,
To be a loving and faithful husband/wife
For richer for poorer, In joy & in sorrow.,
In sickness and in health;
As long as we both shall live.

CONTEMPORARY VOWS

On this day I, _____, take you _____
To be my wife/husband.
Before God and these witnesses, I promise
to be your loving and faithful wife/husband.
I promise to cherish you and to respect you,
and to remain faithful to you.
From this day forward I promise
to share with you my life and love.
I promise walk with you through all we will endure
as long as we live.

EXCHANGING OF THE RINGS

_____, with this ring I offer you my love.
Accept me as a seal upon your heart
and this ring as a seal upon your hand.
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

EXAMPLES OF MUSIC

PRELUDES

Air (from Water Music)
Air on the G String
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Hymn (Lori Line)
Angel Eyes (Jim Brickman)
Well Tempered Clavier

PROCESSIONALS

Bridal Chorus Canon in D
Largo (from Xerces)
Prince of Denmark's March
Trumpet Tune, Trumpet Voluntary

INTERLUDES OR SOLOS

I Will Be Here
The Lord's Prayer
Only God Could Love You More
Ave Maria
Where There is Love
Panis Angelicus In Christ Alone
Parent's Prayer

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Abide with Me
Love Divine All Loves Excelling
For the Beauty of the Earth
All things Bright and Beautiful
Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

RECESSIONALS

Hornpipe
Ode to Joy
Wedding March
Trumpet Air

More examples of music for your wedding can be found at:
www.myweddingmusic.com
www.ourbridalsongs.com

YOUR WEDDING AT WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Information for your Ceremony

WEDDING CEREMONY THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Your wedding is a commitment of two people to one another as well as asking the blessing of Almighty God upon your marriage. It is before God and witnesses that the couple make their promises and become husband and wife. Below is a sample of the order of worship. Your pastor will assist in assuring that your service reflects the couples unique relationship and also brings glory to God.

Your ceremony may include:

PRELUDE

SEATING OF PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING

PROCESSION OF WEDDING PARTY

PROCESSION OF BRIDE

WELCOME & PRAYER

SCRIPTURE - OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT

WEDDING MESSAGE/HOMILY/MEDITATION

BLESSING OF PARENTS

WEDDING VOWS

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

LIGHTING OF UNITY CANDLE/SAND POURING

MUSICAL SELECTION

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

BENEDICTION

PRESENTATION OF THE COUPLE

RECESSIONAL

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR YOUR CEREMONY

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Genesis 1:26-31

Genesis 2:18-24

Proverbs 3:3-6

Isaiah 54:5-8

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24

Ruth 1:16-17

Ecclesiastes 3

Isaiah 63:7-9

Hosea 2:16-23

PSALMS

Psalm 8, 22:25-31, 23, 33, 34, 37:3-7, 67

95:1-7, 100, 103:1-5, 15-18, 112, 117, 121, 127, 128,

136, 136:1-9:26, 145, 148, 150

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 5:1-10

Matthew 7:21, 24-29

Matthew 22:35-40

Luke 6:36-38

John 15:1-17

1 Cor. 12:31-13:13

1 Peter 3:1-9

Romans 12:1-2, 9-18

Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33

Colossians 3:12-17

Matthew 5:13-16

Matthew 19:3-6

Mark 10:6-9, 13-16

John 2:1-11

Romans 8:31-39

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 4:7-16

Revelation 19:1, 5-9

Cor. 6:15-20

MUSIC FOR YOUR CEREMONY

The music you choose plays a significant role in making your wedding a meaningful event that you will cherish in the years to come. It is also a special gift that you offer your guests, and an act of worship which glorifies God.

You may use a pianist/organist or strings or guitar or soloists for your wedding service. Please let the pastor know if you need assistance in acquiring musicians.

When selecting your music please follow these guidelines:

1. Examine the text of the song carefully. Select music that expresses the centrality of Christ and your faith in your marriage.

2. Select music that is meaningful to you, but also to the congregation who is witnessing this great event.

3. Decide which of your favorite music is appropriate for church and what is appropriate for your reception.

All music will be approved by the director of music.

The use and meaning of these elements is limited only by your own creativity and appropriateness. It is only a guideline and will allow you to shape your ceremony to your liking.