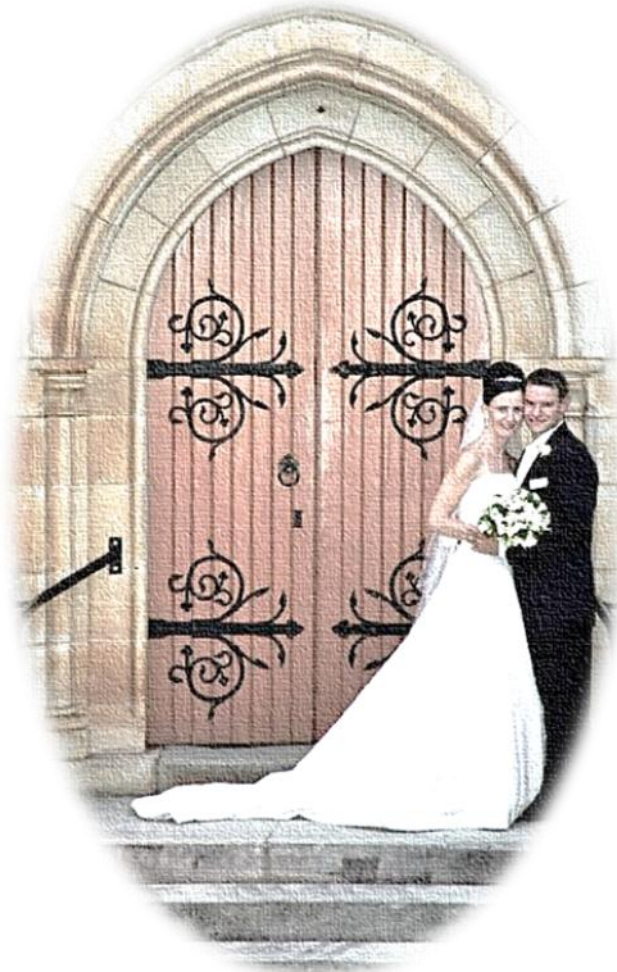


# Wedding Service Template



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST LUKE  
Toowoomba

## **WEDDING PARTICIPANTS**

Bride and Groom:

Priest:

Parents of the Bride:

Parents of the Groom:

Best Man:

Maid of Honour:

Groomsmen:

Bridesmaids:

Page Boy:

Flower Girl:

Readers:

Organist:

## **THE CEREMONY**

Prelude

Processional

Welcome

Opening Prayer

The Wedding Vows

Exchange of Rings

Readings

Address

Prayer for Children

Prayer for the Families

Prayer for the Joy of Companionship

The Lord's Prayer

Signing of the Registers

Recessional

## **BRIDAL PROCESSION**

*(Own choice of music)*

### **WELCOME**

Priest: We have come together in the presence of God to witness the marriage of [Groom] and [Bride] and to ask God's blessing on them as we share their joy.

Marriage is a gift of God our creator. It is a symbol of God's unending love for his people, and the union between Christ and his Church. Christ loved his bride the Church, and gave himself for her. As he has called [Groom] and [Bride] to marriage so he draws their differing gifts and hopes into unity of love and service.

Scripture teaches that marriage is a lifelong partnership uniting a woman and a man in heart, mind and body.

In the joy of their union, husband and wife enrich and respond to each other, growing in tenderness and understanding. Through marriage a new family is formed, where children may be born and grow in secure and loving care. Marriage is therefore to be honoured by all. No-one should enter it lightly or selfishly, but responsibly and joyfully, with mutual respect and the promise to be faithful.

So let us pray for [Groom] and [Bride] as they prepare to exchange their solemn vows.

Blessed are you, loving God,  
your Spirit binds us together.

All: **Crown their lives with your goodness;  
sustain them all their days with your love.**

Priest: Bless [Groom] and [Bride] with wisdom and pleasure. Be their friend and companion in joy, their comfort in need and in sorrow. And when this life is ended welcome them into your presence, there with all your people to praise your holy name:

All: **Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

## [POSSIBLE HYMN]

### THE WEDDING

Priest: Who gives their blessing to this marriage?

Parents/

Family Members: We do

Priest: [Groom], will you give yourself to [Bride], to be her husband, to live with her according to God's word? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her so long as you both shall live?

Groom: I will.

Priest: [Bride], will you give yourself to [Groom], to be his wife, to live with him according to God's word? Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him so long as you both shall live?

Bride: I will.

Groom: I, [Groom], in the presence of God, take you [Bride] to be my 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, so long as we both shall live. All this I vow and promise.

Bride: I, [Bride], in the presence of God, take you [Groom] to be my 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, so long as we both shall live. All this I vow and promise.

## BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Priest: God of Steadfast love, by your blessing, let *these rings* be for [Groom] and [Bride] a symbol of their love and faithfulness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Groom: I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage. With all that I am and all that I have I honour you; in the name of God.

All: **Amen**

Bride: I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage. With all that I am and all that I have I honour you; in the name of God.

All: **Amen**

Priest: Before God and in the presence of us all, [Groom] and [Bride] have joined hands and made their solemn vows, promising life-long faithfulness to each other. In the name of God, I declare them to be husband and wife. What God has joined together, let no one separate.

Priest: God of tenderness and strength, you have brought [Groom] and [Bride] together and led them to this day; go with them now as they travel through good times, through trouble, and through change. Bless their homes, their partings and their meetings. Make them worthy of one another's best, and tender with one another's dreams.

All: **Amen**

Priest: God the Father lovingly enfold you, God the Son grace your home and table, God the Holy Spirit crown you with joy and peace. The Lord bless you and keep you in eternal life.

All: **Amen**

## READINGS

*(at least one from Scripture as arranged with the Priest)*

## ADDRESS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### *For Children*

Leader: Lord of life, you shape us in your image, and by your gracious gift the human family is increased. To [Groom] and [Bride] grant the blessing of children. Fill them with wisdom and love as they care for their family, so that they and their children may know and love you, through your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

### *For the Families of the Couple*

Leader: Gracious Lord, bless the parents and families of [Groom] and [Bride] that they may grow in love and friendship. Grant that, as they have witnessed these vows today, they may find their lives enriched and strengthened and their loyalties confirmed.

All: **Amen**

### *For the Joy of Companionship*

Leader: All praise and blessing to you, God of Love, creator of the universe, maker of man and woman in your likeness, source of blessing for married life. All praise to you for you have created courtship and marriage, joy and gladness, feasting and laughter, pleasure and delight. May your blessing come in full upon [Groom] and [Bride]. May they know your presence in their joys and sorrows. May they reach old age in the company of friends and come at last to your eternal kingdom.

All: **Amen**

Leader: Accept our prayers, loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

All: **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

Priest: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you, and give you peace.

All: **Amen**

### **SIGNING OF THE REGISTERS**

*(During which music may be played)*

### **[POSSIBLE HYMN]**

### **RECESSIONAL**

*(Own choice of music)*

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