Declaration of Intention

The minister addresses the couple in these or similar words, asking each person in turn:

<u>Name</u>, will you have <u>name</u> to be your *wife/husband*, to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love *her/him*, comfort *her/him*, honor and keep *her/him*, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to *her/him* as long as you both shall live? Response: I will.

The minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

Will all of you, by God's grace, uphold and care for <u>name</u> and <u>name</u> in their life together? We will.

Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister leads the following or another prayer of the day. Let us pray.

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich <u>_____</u> and <u>_____</u> with every good gift, that their life together may show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Word

Readings Two or three scripture readings are proclaimed.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Marriage

Vows

The couple may join hands. Each promises faithfulness to the other in these or similar words.

I take you, <u>name</u>, to be my *wife/husband* from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come, and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

OR

In the presence of God and this community, I, <u>name</u>, take you, <u>name</u>, to be my *wife/husband*; to have and to hold from this day forward, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

Giving of Rings

The couple may exchange rings with these or similar words. <u>Name</u>, I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

OR

<u>Name</u>, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow. With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.