



# Rite of Marriage

(P: Priest; B&G: Bride & Groom)

*Within the Rite of Marriage, there are various options which are outlined next. You can choose various parts within the options eg the Questions from Option 1 and the Declaration of Consent from Option 2*

## Option 1

**Priest:** Now as you, Bride & Groom, are about to exchange your marriage vows the Church wishes to be assured that you appreciate the meaning of what you do, and so I ask you: Have you come here of your own free will and choice and without compulsion to marry each other?

**B&G:** We have.

**P:** Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your lives?

**B&G:** We will.

**P:** Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you, and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his Church?

**B&G:** We are.

## Declaration of Consent

**P:** I invite you then to declare before God and His Church your consent to become husband and wife. *Bride & Groom face each other and join hands.*

**P:** Groom, do you take Bride as your wife,  
for better or worse, for richer or poorer,  
in sickness and in health til death do you part?

**G:** I do.

**P:** Bride, do you take Groom as your husband,  
for better or worse, for richer or poorer,  
in sickness and in health til death do you part?

**B:** I do.

**P:** What God joins together, man must not separate. May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given and enrich you with His blessings.

## Blessing of the Rings

**P:** Lord, bless Bride & Groom and consecrate their married life.  
May these rings be a symbol of their faith in each other and a reminder of their love.  
May they always be true to each other.  
May they be one in heart and mind.  
May they be united in love forever.

**B&G:** Amen.

**G:** Bride, wear this ring, as a symbol of our love and fidelity.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**B:** Groom, wear this ring as a symbol of our love and fidelity.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**G:** Bride, I give you this coin, a token of all I possess.

**B:** Groom, I give you this coin, a token of all I possess.

**P:** Bride & Groom, in the presence of God & all here,  
you have made your marriage vows to each other &  
have declared marriage by the giving & receiving of rings.  
Therefore, in the name of God, I pronounce you Husband & Wife.

## Option 2

**Priest:** Bride & Groom, you are about to celebrate this sacrament.

Have you come here of your own free will and choice to marry each other?

**B&G:** We have.

**P:** Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your lives?

**B&G:** We will.

**P:** Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you, and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his Church?

**B&G:** We are.

### Declaration of Consent

**P:** I invite you then to declare before God and His Church your consent to become husband and wife. *Bride & Groom face each other and join hands.*

**G:** I, Groom, take you, Bride, as my wife,  
for better or worse, for richer or poorer,  
in sickness and in health all the days of our lives.

**B:** I, Bride, take you, Groom, as my husband,  
for better or worse, for richer or poorer,  
in sickness and in health all the days of our lives.

**P:** What God joins together, man must not separate.  
May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given and  
enrich you with his blessings.

### Blessing of the Rings

**P:** Lord, bless these rings. Grant that those who wear them may be faithful to each other. May they do Your will & live in peace with You in mutual love.

**B&G:** Amen.

**G:** Bride, wear this ring, as a sign of our faithful love.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**B:** Groom, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**B&G:** This gold & silver we hold together is a sign of all that we possess & share as one.

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### Option 3

**Priest:** Bride & Groom, you have come to this church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest & the community. Christ blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in Baptism; now, by this special sacrament, He strengthens you to fulfil the duties of your married life.

Have you come here of your own free will and choice to marry each other?

**B&G:** We have.

**P:** Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your lives?

**B&G:** We will.

**P:** Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you, and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his Church?

**B&G:** We are.

### Declaration of Consent

**P:** I invite you then to declare before God and His Church your consent to become husband and wife. *Bride & Groom face each other and join hands.*

**G:** Bride, do you consent to be my wife?

**B:** I do.

**B:** Groom, do you consent to be my husband?

**G:** I do.

**B&G:** We take each other as husband & wife

And promise to love each other truly

For better, for worse

For richer, for poorer

In sickness & in health

All the days of our lives.

**P:** The Lord has joined you together.

May He fulfil His blessing in you;

May He keep you in His love.

### Blessing of the Rings

**P:** Almighty God, bless these rings, symbols of faithfulness & unbroken love.

May Bride & Groom always be true to each other.

May they be one in heart and mind.

May they be united in love forever, through Christ our Lord.

**B&G:** Amen.

**G:** Bride, wear this ring, as a symbol of our love and fidelity.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**B:** Groom, wear this ring as a symbol of our love and fidelity.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**G:** Bride, I give you this coin, a token of all I possess.

**B:** Groom, I give you this coin, a token of all I possess.