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MARRIAGE AND BAPTISM SERVICE



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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Entrance

Greeting (Matthew 7:7-8)

Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives;
the one who seeks finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Hymn No. 503 (1-3,8-14)

Opening and Prayer (Psalm 36:6-10)

Your love, O God, reaches the heavens;
your faithfulness, to the clouds.
Your justice is like the highest mountains;
your judgments, like the mighty deep;
all living creatures you sustain, LORD.
How precious, O God is your constant love!
Mortals take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
In your house they find rich food
and they drink from your spring of delight.
For with you is the fountain of life,
in your light we see light.

Wedding speech (Matthew 6:21)

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there will your heart be also."

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for this act of worship, in which xxx and xxx xxx have been
married and xxx has been baptised.

It is your gift, that two people should find and love each other and it is a
gift from you, God, that a woman brings a child into the world.
We give you thanks for these things.

We also give you thanks for the families in which the newly-married couple
have grown up and for the friends who line their path.

We also hold before you today all those of our number who are no longer
with us, but who have meant and continue to mean so much to us.

And we remember before you all those whose relationships are troubled
by discord and misunderstanding. Show them a way forward out of crisis.

Lord God, all love in the world comes from you.

We pray: Let us not forget that there are two sides to life: the light side
and the dark side, with its many problems.

We have so much more than we need. Help us always to give freely to the
hungry and thirsty and so to help each other to become enablers of joy.

Bless the community through our families. May our children grow up in
happiness and our older people become old with dignity.

Hymn No. 171

The Lord's Prayer (we pray together, everyone in his language)

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and for ever. Amen

Blessing

Exit

Seite 6

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn No. 209

Reading of the order of service for the baptism (Matthew 28:18-20)

Baptism of xxx

Baptism Blessing

I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
xxx, may our merciful God bless and keep you.
May he give you his protection, shield you from harm and give you
strength and help to do all things well, so that you will be preserved in
His way your whole life through.
Peace be with you

Family Blessing

Performance by the band

Seite 3

A reading from the Holy Scripture on marriage

In the Bible, there are many statements on how a man and a woman shall live together. The following two texts are often read in this context.

Genesis 2:18

And the LORD God said, it is not good that the man should be alone.
I will make him a helper as his counterpart.

Genesis 1:27-28a, 31a:

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Matthew 19: 4-6

At the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

Colossians 3: 12-16a.17.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts

Wedding vows

xxx xxx, will you take xxx xxx, whom God has entrusted to you, to be your lawful wedded wife?

Will you love and honour her in marriage in accordance with God's holy ordinance, for better for worse as long as you both shall live?

Answer: Yes, with God's help, I will.



And I ask you, xxx xxx, will you take xxx xxx, whom God has entrusted to you, to be your lawful wedded husband?

Will you love and honour him in marriage in accordance with God's holy ordinance, for better for worse as long as you both shall live?

Answer: Yes, with God's help, I will.

Exchange of rings



Give to each other these rings, as a symbol of your love and constancy.

That which God has joined together, let not man divide.

Kneel, so that we may pray for you and ask God's blessing on you.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you now and always. Peace be with you.

Amen

Performance by the band

Reading (Marc 10: 13-16)

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant.

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Baptismal verse for xxx: Psalm 91:11



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Questions to parents and godparents:

Dear Parents and Godparents,

xxx has been entrusted to you as a gift from God. She will belong to God by baptism.

Do you wish xxx to be baptised and do you wish her to receive through baptism an ever-increasing faith in God and strength for living?

Answer: Yes, with God's help, we will