The Wedding of

<Bride and groom’s names here>

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<date here>

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, East Melbourne

***The Wedding of <Bride’s name and groom’s names>***

***Priest*** <<Vicar’s name>’s name here>

***Bridesmaids*** <name 1>

 <name 2>

 <name 3>

***Groomsmen*** <name 1>

 <name 2>

 <name 3>

***Flower girl***  <name 3>

***Page boy***  <name 3>

***Readings*** <name 1>

 <name 2>

 <name 3>

***Ushers*** <name 1>

 <name 2>

 <name 3>

**Processional:** *<name of song and artist here>*

**Gathering in God’s Name**

***<Vicar’s name>*** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with you all.

***All* And also with you**

***<Vicar’s name>*** We have come together in the presence of God

to witness the marriage of <Bride’s name> and <Groom’s name>,

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 of the union between Christ and his Church.

Christ loved his <Bride’s name> the Church,

and gave himself for her.

As he has called <Bride’s name> and <Groom’s name> to marriage,

so he draws their differing gifts and hopes

into a 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 with <Bride’s name> and <Groom’s name>

as they prepare to exchange their solemn vows:

Blessed are you, loving God,

your Spirit binds us together.

**Crown our lives with your goodness;**

**sustain us all our days with your love.**

Bless <Bride’s name> and <Groom’s name> 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:

**Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**as in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen.**

**The Ministry of the Word**

**<first reading name and author here>**

*Read by <reader 1 name here>*

**<second reading name and author here>**

*Read by <reader 2 name here>*

**The Sermon**

*<Vicar’s name>*

**The Wedding**

***<Vicar’s name>*** <Groom’s name>, will you give yourself to <Bride’s name>, 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’s name>*** I will.

***<Vicar’s name>*** <Bride’s name>, will you give yourself to <Groom’s name>, 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’s name>*** I will.

***<Vicar’s name>*** Families and friends,

you are witnesses to these vows.

Will you do everything in your power

to uphold <Bride’s name> and <Groom’s name> in their marriage?

***All*** We will.

***<Groom’s name>*** I, <Groom’s name>, in the presence of God,

take you, <Bride’s name>, 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’s name>*** I, <Bride’s name>, in the presence of God,

take you, <Groom’s name>, 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.

***<Vicar’s name>***  God of steadfast love,

by your blessing,

let these rings be for <Bride’s name> and <Groom’s name>

a symbol of their love and faithfulness

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***<Groom’s name>*** 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. Amen.

***<Bride’s name>*** I receive this ring

as a symbol of our love and faithfulness

to the end of our days.

***<Vicar’s name>*** Before God and in the presence of us all,

<Bride’s name> and <Groom’s name> 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.

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. Amen.

You may now kiss the <Bride’s name>.

**The Prayers of the People**

<replace below with your chosen prayers>

***<Reader 3>*** Faithful God, giver of all good things,

give <Bride’s name> and <Groom’s name> wisdom and devotion

in the ordering of their life together.

May they dwell together in love and peace

all the days of their life,

seeking one another’s welfare,

bearing one another’s burdens,

and sharing one another’s joys;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May <Bride’s name> and <Groom’s name> so live together that the strength of their love may reflect your love and enrich our common life.

Lord, in your mercy

***All* Hear our prayer.**

***<Reader3>*** May they be gentle and patient, ready to trust each other, and when they fail, willing to recognise and acknowledge their faults and ask for each other’s forgiveness.

Lord, in your mercy

***All* Hear our prayer.**

***<Reader3>*** May <Bride’s name> and <Groom’s name> be blessed with the gift of children. Fill them with wisdom and love as they care for their family.

Lord, in your mercy

***All* Hear our prayer.**

***<Reader3>*** May friends and family gathered here, and those separated by distance, be strengthened and blessed this day.

Lord, in your mercy

***All* Hear our prayer.**

***<Vicar’s name>*** 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.**

***<Vicar’s name>*** May the God of steadfastness and encouragement

Grant you to live in such harmony with one another,

in accord with Jesus Christ, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

and the blessing of God creator and redeemer, giver of life and love, be with you all, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Recessional:*** *<name of song and artist here>*

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