WEDDING CEREMONY

**MUSIC PRELUDE**

( *While the music is being played, the ministers enter and take their positions*)

**CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY**

( *Candlelighters enter and light the candles*)

**ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDAL ENTOURAGE**

*( Bible, Ring, Coin Bearers and the BRIDE* )

**BRIDAL MARCH**

( *Congregation Standing*)

**OPENING SENTENCES ( PASTOR)**

 We are gathered here today to celebrate the step of faith made by **LEWIN** and **LOUISE,** to affirm with praise the goodness of the Lord of life and love. Let us rejoice in God’s presence with us, as **LEWIN** and **LOUISE** celebrate this life together for this day, they have decided to be one.

**OPENING PRAYER**

 God of love, who has brought these two together to be made one in holy marriage, all your servants here assembled now pray You to bless them with every good and perfect blessing. May their love continue to grow in character and fullness; may they have the strength to share in each other’s joy and sorrows, and continually bearing one another’s burdens. Grant us the gift of Your presence in our midst as we join them in their intention to establish a home and the fulfillment of life together. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING ( 1 Cor. 13-4-8 )**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**BRIEF SERMON**

**DECLARATION OF INTENTION**

**PASTOR**: **LEWIN,** will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together in the holy estate of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor her, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep you only to her, as long you both shall live?

**GROOM**: I will

**PASTOR**: **LOUISE,** will you have this man to be your wedded husband, to live together in the holy estate of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor him, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep you only to him, as long as you both shall live?

**BRIDE**: I will

**GIVING OF VOWS**

( *The Groom and the Bride will hold hands while giving their vows.)*

**GROOM**: I ( name of Groom), take you ( name of Bride), to be my wife, promising before God and these friends to be your loving and faithful husband, to share with you in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrows, in sickness and in health, and to join with you so that together we may serve God and others as long as we both shall live.

 **BRIDE**: I ( *name of Bride*), take you, ( *name of Groom*), to be my husband. I promise before God and these friends to be your loving and faithful wife, to share with you in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrows, in sickness and in health, and to join with you so that together we may serve God and others, as long as we both shall live. God be my help.

( *They loose their hands and the minister asks for the ring*.)

**THE RING CEREMONY**

**PASTOR:** What tokens have you to symbolize your pledge to the faithful fulfillment of your marriage vows?

*( The RING bearer brings the rings to the couple)*

 **GROOM**: *( following after the pastor)* I give this ring to you as a symbol of my unending love and commitment to live with you as long as we both shall live, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. ( *Groom puts on the ring to the bride*.)

**BRIDE**: ( *says the same words and does the same thing*.)

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

**THE BIBLE AND THE COIN CEREMONY**

( *The Pastor may say something about the meaning and importance of the Bible to marriage and that we are just stewards of our life and material possessions during this part.)*

**THE VEIL AND CORD CEREMONY (** Special music)

*( The couple kneel at this point while the veil and the cord sponsor come up to put on these symbol of unity)*

**SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of love and mercy, show Your compassion on this couple who have come before You in the presence of their friends and love ones to pledge themselves to live together in the holy estate of marriage. Grant them the strength and patience, the affection and understanding, the courage and love to abide together in peace and mutual growth according to Your will for both of them. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen. ( *After the prayer the cord and veil shall remove by the sponsor)*

**DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE**

In as much as **LEWIN and LOUISE** have consented to be joined together in marriage, and have witnessed the same before God and this assembly, and have pledge their mutual love and commitment to each other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving of rings, by the authority vested in me as Minister of the Gospel and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, I now pronounce you husband and wife, ‘’ What God has put together let no one separate.’’ Amen.

**THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord makes His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE COUPLE**

( *Newlywed face congregation. After the words of introduction, the groom may kiss the bride)*

**RECESSIONAL**

**PICTURE TAKING**