

The
Marriage Service

The Form of
Solemnization of Matrimony

according to the Standard

Book of Common Prayer

with **Certificate**



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CERTIFICATE

I CERTIFY that the text of this edition of the Office of Solemnization of Matrimony, taken from the Book of Common Prayer, has been compared with a certified copy of the Standard Book and conforms thereto.

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¶ At the day and time appointed for Solemnization of Matrimony, the Persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church, or shall be ready in some proper house, with their friends and neighbours; and there standing together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say,

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church: which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate

these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

¶ *And also speaking unto the Persons who are to be married, he shall say,*

I REQUIRE and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

¶ *The Minister, if he shall have reason to doubt of the lawfulness of the proposed Marriage, may demand sufficient surety for his indemnification: but if no impediment shall be alleged, or suspected, the Minister shall say to the Man,*

Donald wilt
thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife,

to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Man shall answer,*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman,*

Marjorie wilt
thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Woman shall answer,*

I will.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

WHO giveth this Woman to be married
to this Man?

*¶ Then shall they give their troth to each other in
this manner. The Minister, receiving the Woman
at her father's or friend's hands, shall cause the Man
with his right hand to take the Woman by her right
hand, and to say after him as followeth.*

I Donald take

thee Marjorie to my
wedded 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, till death us do part, accord-
ing to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I
plight thee my troth.

*¶ Then shall they loose their hands; and the Woman
with her right hand taking the Man by his right
hand, shall likewise say after the Minister,*

I Marjorie take

thee Donald to my
wedded 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, till death us do part,
according to God's holy ordinance; and
thereto I give thee my troth.

*¶ Then shall they again loose their hands; and the
Man shall give unto the Woman a Ring on this wise:
the Minister taking the Ring shall deliver it unto the
Man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's
left hand. And the Man holding the Ring there, and
taught by the Minister, shall say,*

WITH this Ring I thee wed: In the
Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*¶ And, before delivering the Ring to the Man, the
Minister may say as followeth.*

BLESS, O Lord, this Ring, that he who
gives it and she who wears it may abide
in thy peace, and continue in thy favour, unto
their life's end; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

*¶ Then, the Man leaving the Ring upon the fourth
finger of the Woman's left hand, the Minister shall
say,*

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the People, still standing, say the Lord's Prayer.*

✠ **OUR** Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister add,*

✠ **ETERNAL** God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; Send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy Name; that they, living faithfully together, may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, (whereof this Ring given and received is a token and pledge,) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Minister may add one or both of the following prayers.*

✠ **ALMIGHTY** God, Creator of mankind, who only art the well-spring of life; Bestow upon these thy servants, if it be thy will, the gift and heritage of children; and grant that they may see their children brought up in thy faith and fear, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

✠ **GOD**, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church; Look mercifully upon these thy servants, that they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say,*

THOSE whom God hath joined together
let no man put asunder.

¶ *Then shall the Minister speak unto the company.*

IF ORASMUCH as

Donald

and

Marjorie

have consented together in holy wedlock,
and have witnessed the same before God and
this company, and thereto have given and
pledged their troth, each to the other, and
have declared the same by giving and re-
ceiving a Ring, and by joining hands; I pro-
nounce that they are Man and Wife, In the
Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *The Man and Wife kneeling, the Minister shall add
this Blessing.*

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the
Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep
you; the Lord mercifully with his favour
look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual
benediction and grace; that ye may so live
together in this life, that in the world to
come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *The laws respecting Matrimony, whether by publish-
ing the Banns in Churches, or by Licence, being dif-
ferent in the several States, every Minister is left to
the direction of those laws, in every thing that re-
gards the civil contract between the parties.*

¶ *And when the Banns are published, it shall be in the
following form: I publish the Banns of Marriage
between N. of —, and N. of —. If any of you
know cause, or just impediment, why these two per-
sons should not be joined together in holy Matri-
mony, ye are to declare it. This is the first [second
or third] time of asking.*



At the Holy Communion

The Collect.

GIVE thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or

The Epistle. Ephesians v. 20.

wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: for we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

The Gospel. St. Matthew xix. 4.

JESUS answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

What therefore **G**od hath
joined together, let not
man put asunder.
Mark X. 9.

Signature of Bride

Marjorie Ruth Gilmore

Signature of Groom

Donald Wayne Richards

Bridal Party

Joseph Pasalic Almeted

Ernest R. Moore

Bridal Party

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

This Certifies that

Donald Wayne Richards

and

Marjorie Ruth Gilmore

were united by me in

Holy Matrimony

on Friday the twenty-fourth
day of July in the year of Our Lord

One Thousand Nine Hundred and forty-two
at St. Peter's Church Rectory San Francisco
in the Diocese of California

according to the form of Solemnization of Matrimony as contained in the
Book of Common Prayer, and in accordance with the laws of the State of
California in the United States of America.

Dated Friday the twenty-fourth day of
July A.D. 1942

WITNESSES:

Jayce R. Almetid

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Rector of St. Peter's Church
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