




#AALoveStory'25

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&
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Saturday, 29th March, 2025

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Solemnization of Holy Matrimony

of

Abimbola Elizabeth

and

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The Event Center Limited, Ikeja

Time: 11:30am

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Officiating Ministers

Rev. Dr. Moses Olaleru
Christ Baptist Church, Gbagada.

Rev. Dr. Abolaji Akinola
Ife Oluwa Baptist church, Ejigbo.

Rev. Father Samuel Igwenwanne
Catholic Priest

Dn. Peter Ejidiran
Love of Christ Baptist Church, Ejigbo

Dns. Folashade Jooda
Love of Christ Baptist Church, Ejigbo

Mrs Olaide Oremuyiwa
Church Secretary

Order of Service

1. Processional Hymn (*oh Lord my God*)
2. Call to Worship/Opening Prayer
3. Bride's Entry
4. Charge and Declaration
5. Hymn of Prayer (*God Give Us Christian Home*)
6. Marriage Vows and Joining
7. Special Prayer for Couple
8. Song Ministration
9. Message
10. Singing of Marriage Certificate/ Thanksgiving
11. Presentation of Certification
12. Announcement/ Vote of Thanks
13. Closing Prayer and Benediction
14. Recessional Hymn (*I'm pressing on the upward way*)

1. Processional Hymn

(OH LORD MY GOD)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:
3. And when I think how God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:
4. When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,
To take me home, what joy will fill my heart!
Then I will bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

2. Call to worship Opening Prayer

3. *Bride's Entry*

MINISTER: Who is giving this woman to be married to this man?

THE BRIDE'S FAMILY: I (MR. ABIOLA SAMUEL GBOLAHAN) do, on behalf of the family

MINISTER: (Receives the Bride) May the groom please step forward to confirm if this is the person he wants to marry. (Groom unveil bride and confirms)

4. *Change and Declaration*

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God and in the presence of this congregation to join **ABIMBOLA ELIZABETH and ASHIEDU AUSTIN** Holy Matrimony, which is an honorable estate instituted by God Himself, signifying unto us the mystical union that is between Christ and His church. This holy estate Christ adorned, sanctioned and beautified with His presence by the first miracle that He wrought in Cana of Gailee and is commanded in the Holy Scripture to be honorable among all men who enter it lawfully and in the true love. Therefore, it should not be entered unadvisedly, lightly or wantonly; but reverently, discretely, advisedly, soberly and in fear of God, duly considering the causes for which it was ordained

Firstly, marriage was ordained for companionship, mutual understanding, help and comfort, which husband and wife ought to have for each other, both in prosperity and adversity

Secondly, Marriage was ordained in order that the natural instincts and affections implanted by God be hallowed and directed aright, for the protection against sin, for avoidance of all sexual immoralities such as fornication that such persons who do not have the rare gift of celibacy might marry and keep themselves undefiled members of Christ's body.

Thirdly, it was ordained for the increase of mankind accordingly to the will of God that children might be brought up in the fear, nurture and admonition and to the praise of His holy Name. Into this Holy estate, these two person: **ABIMBOLA ELIZABETH and ASHIEDU AUSTIN** come now to be joined. Therefore, if any man/woman can show any just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together in marriage, let him/her now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his/her peace.

5. Hymn of Prayer

GOD, GIVE US CHRISTIAN HOMES

1. God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the Bible is loved and taught,
Homes where the Master's will is sought
Homes crowned with beauty Thy love hath wrought;
God, give us Christian homes; God, give us Christian homes
2. God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the father is true and strong,
Homes that are free from the blight of wrong,
Homes that are joyous with love and song;
God, give us Christian homes; God, give us Christian homes
3. God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the mother in caring quest,
Strives to others Thy way is best,
Homes where the Lord is an honored Host;
God, give us Christian homes; God, give us Christian homes!
4. God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the children are led to know Christ
In His beauty who loves them so,
God, give us Christian homes; God, give us
Christian homes!

6. Marriage Vows and Joining

MINISTER: I require and charge you both, as you will answer on the day of judgment when the secrets and motives of all hearts shall be revealed, that if either of you know of any impediments, why you may not be lawfully joined contrary to the will of God are not acceptably joined in the sight of the Almighty.

GROOM: I, **ASHIEDU AUSTIN**, do solemnly declare that I do not know of any reason why I am not be lawfully joined in Holy Matrimony to **ABIMBOLA ELIZABETH**

BRIDE: I, **ABIMBOLA ELIZABETH**, do solemnly declare that I do not know of any reason why I am not be lawfully joined in Holy Matrimony to **ASHIEDU AUSTIN**

MINISTER: Now that you not that any impediments as to why you not be joined together, I want you to also publicly renounce any curse or ancestral covenant that is contrary to God's blessing in your life and might want to follow you into this marriage

GROOM: I, **ASHIEDU AUSTIN**, realizing my portion in Christ Jesus as one who has been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed on the cross, publicly renounce, reject, and refuse any effect of any ancestral curse, ungodly covenants and demonic links that might have existed and may want to militate against my marriage to, **ABIMBOLA ELIZABETH** in Jesus' Name. Amen

BRIDE: I, **ABIMBOLA ELIZABETH** realizing my portion in Christ Jesus as one who has been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed on the cross, publicly renounce, reject, and refuse any effect of any ancestral curse, ungodly covenants and demonic links that might have existed and may want to militate against my marriage to, **ASHIEDU AUSTIN** in Jesus' Name. Amen

MINISTER TO THE GROOM: **ASHIEDU AUSTIN**, do you take, **ABIMBOLA ELIZABETH** to be your lawfully wedded wife, to live together according to God's laws in this Holy estate of matrimony? Do you vow to love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in good health and sickness, in need and in plenty, presenting her perfect in Christ, forsaking all others and joined only her as long as you both shall live?

GROOM: Yes, I do May God help me. Amen.

MINISTER TO BRIDE ABIMBOLA ELIZABETH, do you take, **ASHIEDU AUSTIN** to be your lawfully wedded husband, to live together according to God's laws in this Holy estate of matrimony? Do you vow to love him, comfort him, honor and submit to him in health and sickness, in need and in plenty, presenting him perfect in Christ, forsaking all others and joined only him as long as you both shall live?

BRIDE: YES, I do. May God help me. Amen.

MINISTER TO THE GROOM: What token of truth do you bring? (Receives Bible, the infallible word of God. May the Lord help you live your lives as husband and wife based on the truth contained in it (Hand over Bible to the Groom)

GROOM: I, **ASHIEDU AUSTIN**, present to you this Bible as a symbol of my truth and sincerity.

May the Lord help me to follow the injunctions in God's word in our union and do lead our family. Amen

BRIDE: I, **ABIMBOLA ELIZABETH**, prayerfully and joyfully accept this Bible as a token of your truth and sincerity. May the Lord help me to follow the injunctions in God's word in our union and in the building of our family. Amen.

MINISTER: What token of love do you both bring? (The Ministering receives the ring and says) "The ring has long been a symbol for the sealing of important contracts and treaties in the earlier history of man. But in the more recent generations, the ring has been used to seal the marriage covenant. The ring teaches us many lessons. The purity of its metals reminds us of the purity of your love for each other, and the circle reminds us of the eternity of your love, the circle having neither beginning nor end. (The minister prays as follows) "Bless O Lord these rings that as, **ASHIEDU AUSTIN** and **ABIMBOLA ELIZABETH** give and wear them, they may abide in Your favour until the end of their lives through Jesus Christ our Lord."

EXCHANGE OF VOWS

GROOM: I, **ASHIEDU AUSTIN** take you, **ABIMBOLA ELIZABETH**, to be my wife, and I promise before God and these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful husband. I will be by

your side to share with you your happiness, success, disappointment and sorrow. As your companion, I will seek to be open and honest with you, to forgive you as Christ has forgiven me, and always remind you of the Lord's plans and promises. To submit to God and love you. Forever I devote my love and my life to you from this day forward. I give you my vow deepest joy and wed you with this ring in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

BRIDE: I ABIMBOLA ELIZABETH, take you ASHIEDU AUSTIN to be my wife, and I promise before God and these witness, to be your loving and faithful wife. I will be by your side to share with you your happiness, success, disappointment and sorrow. As your companion, I will seek to be open and honest with you, to forgive you as Christ has forgiven me, and always remind you of the Lord's plans and promises. To submit to God and love you. Forever I devote my love and my life to you from this day forward. I give you my vow deepest joy and wed you with this ring in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

PRONOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

MINISTER: For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and joined to his wife and in accordance with the marriage laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I pronounce you husband and wife in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, those whom God has joined together, let no man (no circumstance, no family, no friend and no culture) put asunder

7. Special Prayer for the Couple
8. Song Ministration
9. Message
10. Singing of Marriage Certificate Thanksgiving

11. *Presentation of Certificate*
12. *Announcement Note of Thanks*
13. *Closing Prayer and Benediction*
14. *Recessional Hymn*

I'M PRESSING ON THE UPWARD WAY

1. I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I onward bound,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

Lord, lift me up, and let me stand
By faith on Canaan's tableland;
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

2. My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

3. I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

4. I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till rest I've found,
Lord, lead me on to higher ground.

Precious Memories

Couple with:

1. Officiating Ministers
2. Love of Christ Baptist Church choir
3. Bride's Parent's
4. Groom's Parent's
5. Both Parent's
6. Bride's Siblings
7. Groom's Sibling's
8. Both Sibling's
10. Bride's Family
11. Groom's Family
12. Both Families
13. Love of Christ Baptist church members
14. Brightday Schools Family
15. Access Bank Family
16. Crusader Sterling Pensions Family
17. Saint Francis Catholic church
19. Bride's Friends
20. Groom's Friends
21. Best Man and Chief Bride's Maid
22. Bride Alone (Series)
23. Groom Alone (Series)
24. Couple Alone (Series)
25. Well Wishers

Wedding Reception Programme

1. Arrival of Guest
2. Entry of the Parents
3. Arrival of the Couple
4. Opening Prayer
5. Chairman's Remark
6. Cutting of the Cake
7. Couple's First Dance
8. Toast
9. Presentation of Gifts
10. Vote of Thanks
11. Closing Prayer

APPRECIATION

The families of
GBOLAHAN and IGWENWANNE
Express their most profound gratitude
to you for your prayers and support and also for taking time out to
share this blessed day with Austin & Abimbola

We pray the Lord to bless you indeed and
grant you every cause for continual celebration
in your various households.

Thank you! Thank You!! Thank You!!!