Order of Service

Wedding March

Who gives this woman to be married to this Man?

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 in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

**Into** this Holy estate these two come together to be made one. If anyone can show just cause why this man or woman cannot be lawfully joined together let them now speak or forever hold your peace.

Prayer

**Marriage is** **Joyous** with Jesus in your life

**John 2:1** And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

**Marriage is Honorable** in the sight of God

God commends chaste matrimony

Heb 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

**Marriage** is **instituted** by God

Ge 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Marriage was given in wisdom and kindness for well-ordered families to transmit the Love of God and the Holiness of truth from one age to the other.

**Col 3:18** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

**Titus 2:3** The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Only God can make two to become one in all things.

Signified by taking hold by your right hands.

Do you take this lady whom you are holding by her right hand to be your lawfully wedded wife?

Do you take this man whom you are holding by his right hand to be your lawfully wedded husband?

Your wedding vows are extremely personal - they're special words that will marry you, and represent your commitment to one another for the rest of your whole life that no man can break or change.

Mark 10:9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

The words you vow cannot be broken or changed.

Your vows declare your love to each other and is a sign of your commitment to God.

Our prayer today is for The Love of God to fill your hearts that you might manifest to those around you the magnitude of God’s love and the Holiness of Truth.

Today you are formerly and publicly promising of what you have privately spoken to each other.

I, Joel McLain, take you Maxine to be my lawfully wedded wife, my constant dearest friend

my faithful lover to have and to hold from this day forward.

In the presence of God, our family and friends,

I offer you my solemn vow to be your faithful husband for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad times, and in joy as well as in sorrow.

I promise to love you unconditionally, pray for you daily, support you in your faith and your love for the Lord, your goals, to honor and respect you, to laugh with you and cry with you, and to cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

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Ruth 1:16 Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: 17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

**Let me charge** you both as you stand in God's presence, to remember that your love and loyalty to God and to each other will serve as the foundation of a happy and enduring home.

Having always love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance in all things.

**Brother Joel McLain**, it is your duty to love Maxine as Christ loves the Church, Support her, provide tender leadership-protect her from all danger.

**Maxine** it is your duty to love and obey **Brother Joel McLain** and treat him with the greatest respect and create a healthy and happy home.

**Together** it is your duty to find the greatest joy in the company of each other; to remember that in interest and affection, you are to be one and undivided.

The solemn vows which you make must be kept permanently, and you both must steadfastly seek to do the will of God, your life will be full of happiness, and the home which you establish will abide through every change.

**This** covenant which you are making is to be godly, beautiful, joyful and in deep conviction.

Hand in Hand you enter this marriage; Hand in Hand you step out in faith. Hand in Hand you walk in Love Hand in Hand you live as one

The hand you freely give to each other is a strong and tender part of your body and In the days ahead you will need both strength and tenderness.

Be firm in commitment, don't ever let your grip become weak, and yet, be tenderhearted to make every decision hand in hand: Always remember, you don't walk this path alone. Before us, behind us, underneath us, all around us are the outstretched arms of the Lord. It is into his hand, we trust and commit this union of husband and wife. Amen.

**Our spiritual bond is an endless love**

I give you all that I am and ever hope to be, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

For as much as you Have consented together in Holy Wedlock and have witnessed the same before God and this company and thereto have pledged your faith each to the other and both to the Lord I do by authority of the laws of the state of Maine sanctioned by Divine Authority pronounce you husband and wife together in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

#### Prayer

For the first time I now introduce to you Mr. and Mrs. Joel McLain.