**ENGAGEMENT CEREMONY PROGRAM**

**Master of Ceremonies (MC): Lisa D’Santos**

**1. 12:00 – 12:30 | Guest Arrival and Seating**

**2. 12:30 – 12:45 | Start of the Function**

**a. Couple Entry**

**b. Welcome (MC Lisa)**

**c. Opening Prayer (Pastor)**

**3. 12:45 – 1:00 | Introduction of the Couple (Brett & Brandon, Prajwal)**

**4. 1:00 – 1:15 | Cake Cutting & Guest Cake**

**5. 1:15 – 1:30 | Saree & Gifts by Gokavi Family**

* **Chrisanne changes into the new saree**
* **Hymn/Gospel Song performed during the change.**

**6. 1:30 – 1:45 | Blessing of Rings & Ring Exchange (Pastor)**

**6A. Sugar Feeding & Sweets Distribution + Udi Tumbodu (Simultaneous)**

**7. 1:45 – 2:00 | Word of God, Lord’s Prayer, Benediction, Vote of Thanks**

**7B. Vote of Thanks: Acknowledge pastors, guests, families, and helpers.**

**8. 2:00 Onward | Food & Games Segment**

* **Meal Announcement: Guests are invited to dine.**
* **Games or Open Mic after lunch**

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**1. 12:00 – 12:30 | Guest Arrival and Seating**

* **Welcome Drink**
* Light, cheerful background music sets the tone.
* Guests are warmly greeted by ushers or family members and then guided to their seats.
* This is a relaxed window for mingling, photos, and general settling before the ceremony begins.

**2. 12:30 – 12:45 | Start of the Function**

**Couple Entry**

* **(Play an upbeat, meaningful song)**
* **Noel and Chrisanne** make their entrance, walking in together or from separate sides to meet at the front.
* Guests applaud and welcome them enthusiastically.

**Welcome by MC (Lisa)**  
*“A very warm welcome, ladies and gentlemen, and a good afternoon to each one of you! My name is* ***Lisa****, and I am absolutely honoured to serve as your MC for this most joyous occasion: the* ***engagement*** *of our beloved couple,* ***Chrisanne and Noel****. On behalf of both families* ***(Miranda’s & Gokavi’s),*** *I want to express how grateful we are that you have taken the time to be here. Whether you travelled from near or far, you have come bearing the best gifts of all: your presence, your blessings, and your love.*

*Today marks a significant milestone for Noel and Chrisanne—a day they commit to walk hand-in-hand toward a future built on faith, love, and mutual respect. You all will witness a series of cherished traditions and heartfelt moments that reflect our rich cultural heritage and the couple’s devotion to each other and to God.*

*Before we delve into the day’s events, it is only fitting that we invite God’s presence into this place to guide and bless everything we do. May I request our Pastor to lead us in an* ***opening prayer****?”*

**Opening Prayer (Pastor)**

**Pastor:**  
*“Heavenly Father, we gather before You with hearts full of gratitude and joy. We thank You for bringing Noel and Chrisanne together and ask for Your abundant blessings upon them as they embark on this journey toward marriage. May Your peace, love, and wisdom guide them in every step they take. We also thank You for every guest present here; may they share in the joy of this celebration and carry blessings back to their own homes. In Your holy name, we pray,* ***Amen****.”*

*(Guests respond with “Amen.” The couple and audience may take their seats if they have not already.)*

**3. 12:45 – 1:00 | Introduction of the Couple (Brett & Brandon, Prajwal)**

**MC (Lisa):**  
*“Now, before we move further, let us get an insider’s perspective on who Chrisanne and Noel are at heart—and what brought them together. Two special people who know them best have graciously agreed to share a few words. Please welcome* ***Brett and Brandon****, who are speaking on behalf of Chrisanne, and* ***Prajwal****, who is speaking on behalf of Noel.*  
*Take it away, gentlemen!”*

***Brett and Brandon* (Chrisanne’s Side)**

\*“Hi, everyone! We are Brett and Brandon, Chrisanne’s brothers………………………………………………….

**Prajwal (Noel’s Side)**

\*“Hello, everyone! I am Prajwal, Noel’s cousin…………………………………………………………

**Lisa:**

*“So, without further ado, let’s give a massive round of applause to celebrate the couple of the hour:* ***Noel and Chrisanne****!”*

*(Guests applaud. Noel and Chrisanne may wave, stand, or acknowledge the audience.)*

**4. 1:00 – 1:15 | Cake Cutting & Guest Cake**

**MC (Lisa):**  
*“Thank you, Brett, Brandon and Prajwal, for those heartfelt introductions. Now, how about we add some sweetness to this celebration? Let us move on to the* ***cake-cutting****! Noel and Chrisanne, kindly step forward to this lovely cake we have on display.*

Everyone, grab your cameras—or your phones—because this is one of those Instagram-worthy moments you will want to capture! Let us all join in welcoming them to the cake table with a round of applause!”\*

* **(Couple proceeds to the cake table. They cut the cake while guests cheer, take photos, and record videos.)**

**MC (Lisa):**  
*“Noel and Chrisanne will now share the first slice with each other. This simple act symbolizes sharing both the sweet and challenging moments that life may bring. As they feed each other, let us give them a countdown and a big cheer!”*

* **(Couple feeds each other a slice; guests clap and cheer.)**
* **(Cake is then served to the guests.)**

**MC (Lisa):**  
*“On the count of three, let us all shout* ***‘Congratulations!’*** *so loudly that the whole neighbourhood hears us! Ready? One… two… three…”*

* *(Audience shouts “Congratulations!”)*

**5. 1:15 – 1:30 | Saree & Gifts by Gokavi Family (5 Ladies to 5 Ladies)**

**MC (Lisa):**  
*“Up next, we have a touching family tradition. The* ***Gokavi family*** *will present Chrisanne with a saree and special gifts, symbolizing their wholehearted acceptance of her into their family. This beautiful custom unites both sides in warmth and affection.”*

* **(Five ladies from the Gokavi family step forward, offering the saree and gifts to Chrisanne.)**
* **(Five ladies from the Miranda family step forward, receiving the saree and gifts to Chrisanne.)**

**MC (Lisa):**  
*“Chrisanne will now step away for a few moments to change into this gifted saree. Meanwhile, we would love for you all to join us in hymns or gospel songs to keep the spirit of gratitude and devotion alive.”*

* **(Chrisanne briefly leaves to change.)**

**Hymn / Gospel Song**

* **(Play or perform a chosen hymn/gospel song.)**
* **(When Chrisanne returns in her new saree, guests applaud warmly to welcome her back.)**

**MC (Lisa):**  
*“Doesn’t Chrisanne look radiant in her new saree? Let us give her one more cheer!”*

*(Audience claps and cheers.)*

**6. 1:30 – 1:45 | Blessing of Rings & Ring Exchange (Pastor)**

**MC (Lisa)**

*“Now that our bride-to-be is back in all her splendours grace, it is time for the moment we have all been waiting for: the* ***ring exchange****. But first, we will have the rings blessed by our Pastors, affirming God’s grace over the commitment Noel and Chrisanne are about to make.”*

**Blessing of the Rings (Pastors)**

**Pastor:**  
*“Noel and Chrisanne, these rings are perfect circles—endless, just like the love and devotion we pray you will share. May the Lord bless these rings, and may you wear them as daily reminders of the vows you make today.”*

**Ring Exchange:**

1. **Noel** places the ring on **Chrisanne’s** finger, saying:

*“With this ring, I offer you my heart, my support, and my loyalty—today and always.”*

1. **Chrisanne** places the ring on **Noel’s** finger, saying:

*“With this ring, I promise to stand beside you in faith, hope, and unwavering love through every season of our lives.”*

* *(Guests applaud, cheer, and capture photos as the rings are exchanged.)*

**6A. Sugar Feeding & Audience Sweets Distribution + Udi Tumbodu (Oodi Tumbodu) (Simultaneous)**

**MC (Lisa):**  
*“Now, we celebrate* ***two*** *wonderful customs* ***together****. First,* ***Noel and Chrisanne*** *will feed each other sugar—an age-old gesture signifying that sweetness, understanding, and compassion are the hallmarks of their life together. At the* ***same time****, we will perform the* ***Udi Tumbodu*** *(or Oodi Tumbodu) tradition, where Chrisanne opens her saree pallu to receive tokens of love and blessing from Noel’s family, symbolizing acceptance, and prosperity.*

*Additionally, our ushers will hand out small packets to each guest containing* ***Almond, Cashew, Dates, Grapes, Betel nuts, Leaf, and sugar****. Please join in the festive spirit by tasting these treats and sending your silent prayers or well-wishes for the newly engaged couple as the ceremony unfolds.”*

* **(Couple feeds each other sugar while guests look on and cheer.)**
* **(Chrisanne holds out her saree pallu; Noel’s family steps forward to place small gifts, sweets, or symbolic items into it.)**
* **(Ushers distribute sweet packets to the audience, who partake while offering prayers or wishes.)**

**MC (Lisa):**  
*“Isn’t it a beautiful sight, everyone? Two precious customs are woven into one joyful moment—let us give a big round of applause for Noel, Chrisanne, and their families!”*

*(Guests respond with applause, capturing photos.)*

**7. 1:45 – 2:00 | Word of God, Lord’s Prayer, Benediction, Vote of Thanks**

**Word of God (Pastor)**

**Pastor / Guest Speaker:**  
*“I would like to share a short message from* ***1 Corinthians 13****, which reminds us that love is patient, love is kind, and it never fails. Noel and Chrisanne, as you continue this path, remember that the true power of love lies in its resilience, its forgiveness, and its selflessness. Ground your relationship in faith, and you’ll find the strength to weather any storm.”*

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Pastor:**  
*“Now, let us all join in saying the* ***Lord’s Prayer*** *together:  
‘Our Father, who art in heaven…’”*

*(Everyone recites together. Concludes with “Amen.”)*

**Benediction**

**Pastor:**  
*“Heavenly Father, we thank You for blessing this engagement ceremony with Your presence. May Noel and Chrisanne walk in Your grace, hold fast to Your promises, and nurture a love that grows deeper each day. Bless all who have gathered here—fill their lives with joy and peace. In Jesus’ name,* ***Amen****.”*

**MC (Lisa):**  
*“Before we officially close this part of our celebration, Chrisanne’s mother* ***Loveena*** *would like to deliver a heartfelt* ***vote of thanks*** *on behalf of Noel, Chrisanne, and both families. I call upon her to deliver the vote of thanks.*

***Loveena* (Chrisanne’s Mother):** ………………………………………………….

*(Guests applaud. Noel and Chrisanne may also nod or wave in gratitude.)*

**8. 2:00 Onward | Announcement for Food & Games Segment**

**MC (Lisa):**  
*“This brings us to the end of our* ***formal ceremony****, but the celebration is far from over! We have a* ***delicious meal*** *prepared for all of you, so please make your way to the dining area. We will also have some exciting* ***games*** *after lunch to see how well we all know Noel and Chrisanne—and perhaps even test how well they know each other!*

*Please enjoy the food, take plenty of photos, and share stories and memories. Thank you for making this day so remarkable. One more time, let us celebrate the newly engaged couple with a resounding round of applause!”*

* *(Guests move to the dining area for lunch. Afterward, the MC can announce interactive games or an open mic session for short speeches from friends and family.)*

**END OF FORMAL PROGRAM**

**Congratulations** once again to **Noel and Chrisanne**! May their union be blessed with **unwavering faith**, **unending joy**, and **boundless love** for all the days to come.

**Final Tips & Suggestions**

1. **Personalization**: Feel free to insert specific anecdotes about Noel and Chrisanne’s relationship—how they met, funny or touching stories—and local traditions.
2. **Music Coordination**: Have a designated person cue up songs for the entrance, cake cutting, hymn, and each transition.
3. **Time Management**: Build in a slight buffer for each segment; sometimes speeches or activities run longer than planned.
4. **Photography/Videography**: Communicate key moments (cake cutting, ring exchange, sugar feeding, etc.) to your photo/video team so nothing is missed.
5. **Guest Engagement**: Encourage guests to cheer, applaud, and participate during crucial moments—this amplifies the celebratory atmosphere.