

Wedding Ceremony



Mike
&
Angie
Davis

Saturday
May 25, 2013

Welcome

On behalf of the bride and groom, I want to welcome you and thank you for being a part of this very special day.

The Convocation

We are gathered here in the presence of God and of this company to join in holy marriage Angie and Mike and to bear witness to the transforming power of love.

Love is a quality of spirit and an attitude of emotions, but a marriage is a life's work, a spiritual art form. Therefore this is an occasion of both profound joy and great responsibility, and we who partake in it bind ourselves as witnesses to the labor of love that Angie and Mike are undertaking here.

In acknowledgment of this holy purpose and of the power of this occasion, let us pray.

Prayer

Declaration of Intent

Mike, do you promise in the presence of God and this gathering of family and friends to seek to be all Christ wants you to be, to encourage your wife in her spiritual walk, to practice love as a giver more than a getter, to dedicate your home to the glory of God, and do you commit your best in making every part of your life together to be pleasing and honoring to the Lord?

If so answer, "I do."

Angie, do you promise in the presence of God and this gathering of family and friends to seek to be all Christ wants you to be, to encourage your husband in his spiritual walk, to practice love as a giver more than a getter, to dedicate your home to the glory of God, and do you commit your best in making every part of your life together to be pleasing and honoring to the Lord?

If so answer, "I do."

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (NLT)

¹ If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

² If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.

³ If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud

⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

⁸ Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

Brief Message

The Marriage Vows

The couple continues to hold hands while facing each other.

Mike, repeat this vow to Angie:

I, Mike take you, Angie,
to be my 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
until death do us part;
as God is my witness,
I give you my promise.

Angie, repeat this vow to Mike:

I, Angie, take you, Mike,
to be my 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
until death do us part;
as God is my witness,
I give you my promise.

The Exchange of Rings

Having this unfailing love in your hearts, you have chosen to exchange rings as the sign and seal of the vows you are making today.

(Best man and Maid of Honor hand rings to bride and groom.)

Though small in size, these rings are very large in significance. Made of precious metal, they remind us that love is not cheap nor common; indeed, love may cost us dearly. Made in a circle, their design tells us that love must never come to an end; we must keep it continuous. As you wear these rings, whether together or apart for a moment, may they be constant reminders of these promises you are making today. This ring I hold has special significance. May this always remind you of the continuity you have to generations of the past and generations of the future.

Mike take your ring and place it on the third finger of Angie's left hand, and repeat after me this promise:

"Angie, I give you this ring,
wear it with love and joy.
I choose you to be my wife.
I pledge my love and commitment,
to be your faithful and loving husband,
as God is my witness."

Angie take your ring and place it on the third finger of Mike's left hand and repeat after me this promise:

"Mike, I give you this ring,
wear it with love and joy.
I choose you to be my husband.
I pledge my love and commitment,
to be your faithful and loving wife,
as God is my witness."

Prayer

Pronouncement of Marriage

Ladies and gentlemen, I am happy to introduce to you,
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davis.

The bride and groom invite you to the reception.