

A Liturgy to Celebrate the Covenant Between

The Holy Communion

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People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.
Pastor: The Lord is with us.
People: He stands among us.
Pastor: Praise the Lord:
People: For Gerrie and Kris who today publicly celebrate the unity of their love for each other.
Pastor: Praise the Lord:
People: For the covenant into which they enter.
Pastor: Praise the Lord:
People: That we can celebrate your presence here and now. Praise the Lord!
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The Prelude

The Day Explained

1. Welcome
2. Are here to celebrate - to affirm, to say yes to
3. Means to accomplish this is to share in liturgy -
printed in bulletin and in the blue booklet on your
chair and the hymns in the red SBH

The Entrance Hymn - 555

The Liturgy of the Covenant

Pastor: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy ~~Ghost~~ Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is with us.

People: He stands among us

Pastor: Praise the Lord.

People: For and who today publically celebrate
the unity of their love for each other.

Pastor: Praise the Lord

People: For the covenant into which they enter.

Pastor: Praise the Lord.

People: That ~~we~~ we can share with them in this moment.

Pastor: Praise the Lord:

People: That we can celebrate your presence here and now.
Praise the Lord.

The Blessing of the rings

Heavenly Father, as you have called persons into a variety
of kinds of relationships and have asked that they be faith-
ful to each other, may these rings, as perfect circles with
neither beginning nor ending, symbolize the relationship to
which and are now committing themselves. Blessed
and dedicate be these rings to the glory of Almighty God, in
the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

The Lessons

Exodus 6:2-8

Ephesians 2:14-22

The Duet by and

The Sharing of the Covenant - the congregation shall rise.

Pastor: What is a Covenant?

People: The receiving and sharing of God's word with one
another.

Pastor: What is that word?

People: That word is love, it is hope, it is life. It is
heard and seen in Jesus Christ.

The Sharing of the Covenant - Repeat after me, beginning with.

, I will remain your lover, your sister, your friend, forever - helping you to grow in love and peace, respecting your integrity as an individual, and aiding you in the task of discovering and celebrating life in its unity and its wholeness. Together, we will help in healing the wounds ~~XX~~ and cracks of a broken world, remembering that as we are ~~unity~~ in love and trust, so must we share that feeling of oneness with the rest of God's creation. And as a token of this unending covenant, I give you this ring.

The Blessing

And now may God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, give you the courage and the strength to live out this new-found oneness.

Let us Pray. Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing on the unity of body and spirit which and have promised to one another in the presence of these persons and of you. We ask that they might always be faithful to one another, even as you are faithful to us. Give them the courage which will be necessary to live out this covenant. Give them the strength to withstand the prejudices and the the rejections of those who will not try to understand, ~~little~~, accept, Bless those who have gathered ~~XXXX~~ here today, that we might be of support ~~XXX~~ to them in the days ahead, giving the encouragement and the hope which will be necessary. All of this we pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord ~~XXX~~ make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace; In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.