Dearly beloved, we are assembled here in the presence of God and these witnesses to celebrate the joining of this Jeffrey William Wiggins and Jessica Lynne Webb in the unity of marriage. There are no obligations on earth sweeter or more tender than those you are about to assume. There are no vows more solemn than those you are about to make.

Today we have come together to witness the joining of these two lives. For them, out of the routine of ordinary life, the extraordinary has happened. They met each other, fell in love and are finalizing it with their wedding today. Romance is fun, but true love is something far more and it is their desire to love each other for life and that is what we are celebrating here today.

There is no human institution more sacred than that of the home you are about to form. True marriage is the holiest of all earthly relationships. The state of matrimony is based this deep, invisible union of two souls who seek to find completion in one another.

You have come together so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of God and this community. Christ abundantly blesses your love, he strengthens you so that you may assume the duties of marriage in mutual and lasting fidelity.

In Paul’s First Letter to the Church at Corinth, we read:

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**Officiant:** Who presents this woman to be wed?

**Jessica’s Parents:** We do.

**Declaration of Intent**

Jeffrey, do you take this woman, whose hands you hold, choosing her alone to be your wedded wife?

* Will you live with her in the state of true matrimony?
* Will you love her, comfort her, through good times and bad, in sickness and in health, honor her at all times, and be faithful to her?

**Jeffrey:** I do.

**Officiant:** Jessica, do you take this man, whose hands you hold, choosing him alone to be your wedded husband?

* Will you live with him in the state of true matrimony?
* Will you love him, comfort him, through good times and bad, in sickness and in health, honor him at all times, and be faithful to him?

**Jessica:** I do.

***The One***

*When the one whose hand you're holding
Is the one who holds your heart
When the one whose eyes you gaze into
Gives your hopes and dreams their start,
When the one you think of first and last
Is the one who holds you tight,
And the things you plan together
Make the whole world seem just right,
When the one whom you believe in
puts their faith and trust in you,
You've found the one and only love
You'll share your whole life through.*

**Exchange of Wedding Vows**

**Officiant:** Jeffrey, please repeat after me:

In the presence of God/, our family and friends,

I Jeffrey offer you Jessica

my solemn vow/ to be your faithful partner

in sickness and in health,

in good times and in bad,

and in joy as well as in sorrow.

I promise to love you unconditionally,

to support you in your goals,

to honor and respect you,

and to cherish you

for as long as we both shall live.

**Officiant:** Jessica, please repeat after me:

In the presence of God/, our family and friends,

I Jessica offer you Jeffrey

my solemn vow/ to be your faithful partner

in sickness and in health,

in good times and in bad,

and in joy as well as in sorrow.

I Jessica promise to love you unconditionally,

to support you in your goals,

to honor and respect you,

and to cherish you

for as long as we both shall live

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**We Read in Genesis chapter 2:**

 The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

  21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

 The man said,

   “This is now bone of my bones
   and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
   for she was taken out of man.”

  That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

This is the approach we must take when entering into marriage. As you two come together to become one flesh, you must love each other as you would love yourselves for you are now one and the same. You will not forsake your parents, but now your responsibility is to each other

**Blessing of the Rings.**

Bless, O Lord, these rings, to be a sign of the vows by which Jeffrey\_ and Jessica have bound themselves to each other in Matrimony, through your Holy name, Amen.

**Exchange of Wedding Rings**

"The wedding ring is a symbol of eternity. It is an outward sign of an inward and spiritual bond which unites two hearts in endless love. For love freely given and freely received has no beginning and no end, for each is the giver, and each is the receiver. And now as a token of your love and of your deep desire to be forever united in heart and soul, you Jeffrey\_ may place the ring on the finger of your Jessica."

As you do, repeat after me:

**Jeffrey**: With this ring/ I thee wed/, as a symbol of my love/ and faithfulness to you.

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**Jessica**: With this ring/ I thee wed/, as a symbol of my love/ and faithfulness to you.

**Sand Ceremony Here**

**Officiant's Prayer of Blessing for the Jessica and Jeffrey\_.**

Join with me as we ask God's blessing on Jessica and Jeffrey\_.

Eternal Father, redeemer, we now turn to you, and as the first act of this couple in their newly formed union, we ask you to protect their home. May they always turn to you for guidance, for strength, for provision and direction. May they glorify you in the choices they make, in the ministries they involve themselves in, and in all that they do. Use them to draw others to yourself, and let them stand as a testimony to the world of your faithfulness. To God be the glory, Amen.

**Pronouncement:**

Go into the world and fulfill your lives. Hold fast to your ideals. Give to each other experiences of joy. Challenge each other that you may grow. May the love you hold for each other now sealed in marriage continue to mature, that your life together may be a source of strength and inspiration to others.

Jeffrey and Jessica for as much as you have come together today in matrimony, and have vowed your love to each other before God and those here present, and have exchanged rings as a token of those vows, I by the power vested in me pronounce that you are husband and wife.

Jeffrey, you may now kiss your wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey and Jessica Wiggins