

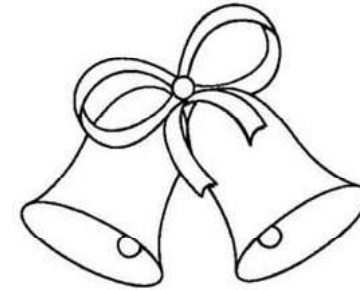
*We thank you for your presence,
blessings and prayers on this happy occasion
of our children's wedding*



'THE LORD' HAS MADE EVERYTHING BEAUTIFUL IN HIS TIME'

- *Ecclesiastes* 3:11

HOLY MATRIMONY



Groom's Name

weds

Bride's Name

on

..... day, theth of , 202

at p.m.

at C.S.I ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Chennai - 600 086.

Prelude

Groom's Name, the Best Man and the Grooms' men walk down the aisle and take the front seats on the right-side facing the altar.

Bridal Procession

Congregation stands as the Bridal March is played

The Choir, officiating Ministers walk in front, ring bearer and the Bridesmaids enter, followed by **Brides' Name** with her parents.

Greetings and welcome

Invocation

The Minister says:

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

God is love and those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them.

I John 4:16

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, let us begin this marriage service. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

The voice that breathed o'er Eden
That earliest wedding day
That primal marriage blessing,
It hath not passed away.

Still in the pure espousal
Of Christian man and maid
The Holy Three are with us,
The three-fold grace is said.

ஞான விவாகம் எப்போதும் ஞாபகமாகவே
வான மணாளன் வாஞ்சித்து வாழும் மனையாளாய்
ஆனந்தமாக தூய தன்மையதை
ஆடையாய் நீர் ஈயத் தரித்து
சேனையோடே நீர் வருகையில் சேர்ந்து சுகிக்கவே

- வீசீரோ

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மங்களம் செழிக்க கிருபையருளும்
மங்கள நாதனே

மங்கள நித்திய மங்களம் நீ
மங்கள முத்தியும் நாதனும் நீ
எங்கள் புங்கவ நீ ... எங்கள் துங்கவ நீ ...
உத்தம சத்திய நித்திய தத்துவ
மெத்த மகத்துவ அத்தனுக்கத்தனாம்
ஆபிராம் தேவன் நீ

மங்கள மணமகன் க்கும்
மங்கள மணமகள் க்கும்
மானுவேலர்க்கும், மகானுபவர்க்கும்,
பக்தியுடன் புத்தி முத்தியளித்திடும்
நித்தியனே உனைத் துத்தியம் செய்திடும்
சத்திய வேதர்க்கும்.

சங்கையில் நித்திய நாதனும் நீ
பங்கமில் சத்திய போதனும் நீ
மங்கா மாட்சிமை நீ, தங்கக் காட்சியும் நீ
இத்தரையித் திருமணத்தில் இருவர்
ஒத்து நல் இன்பம் உற்றிவர் வாழ்ந்திட
நடத்தியருளுமே

Wedding March

The couple and others will leave the Church

Registration of the Marriage

The couple signs the marriage register during the singing of the following Tamil lyrics:

ஆசீர்வதியும் கர்த்தரே ஆனந்தம் மிகவே
நேசாஉதியும் சுத்தரே நித்தம் மகிழவே

வீசீரோ வான ஜோதி கதிரிங்கே மேசியா எம் மணவாளனே
ஆசாரியரும் வான் ராஜனும் ஆசீர்வதித்திடும்

இம் மணமக்களோடென்றும் என்றென்றும் தங்கிடும்
உம்மையே கண்டும் பின் சென்றும் ஓங்கச் செய்தருளும்
இம்மையே மோட்சமாக்கும் வல்லவரே
இன்பத்தோடான்பைக்கியம் சூட்சமே
உம்மிலே தங்கித் தரிக்க ஊக்கமருளுமே - வீசீரோ

ஒற்றுமையாக்கும் இவரை ஊடாக நீர் நின்றே
பற்றோடும் மீது சார்ந்துமே பாரில் வசிக்கவே
வெற்றி பெற்றோங்கும் இவர் நெஞ்சத்திலே
வீற்றாளும் நீர் ஏக ராஜனாய்
ஏற்றவான் ராயர் சேயர்க்கே, ஒப்பாய் ஒழுகவே - வீசீரோ

பூதல ஆசீர்வாதத்தால் பூரணமாகவே
ஆதரித்தாளும் கர்த்தரே, ஆசீர்வதித்திடும்
மாதிரளாக இவர் சந்ததியார்
வந்துதித்தும்மை பிரஸ்தாபிக்க
ஆ தேவக்கிருபை தீர்மானம் ஆல் போல் அருளுமேன்
- வீசீரோ

இம்மணவீட்டில் வாரீரோ இயேசு ராயரே
உம் மணம் வீசச் செய்யீரோ ஓங்கும் நேசமதால்
இம்மணமக்கள் மீதிறங்கிடவே
இவ்விருபேரையும் காக்கவே
விண்மக்களாக நடக்கவே வேந்தா, நடத்துமே - வீசீரோ

For dower of blessed children
For love and faith's sweet sake
For high mysterious union,
Which nought on earth may break.

Be present, Heavenly Father
To give away this bride
As Eve Thou gav'st to Adam,
Out of his own pierced side.

Be present, gracious Saviour,
To join their loving hands
As Thou didst bind two natures,
In Thine Eternal bands

Be present, Holy Spirit
To bless them as they kneel
As Thou, for Christ, the Bridegroom,
The heavenly spouse doth seal.

O spread Thy pure wings o'er them
Let no ill power find place
When onward through life's journey,
The hallowed path they trace.

To cast their crowns before Thee
In perfect sacrifice
Till to the home of gladness,
With Christ's own Bride, they rise. **Amen**

The Minister says:

Let us pray.

O God of our fathers and mothers and of their children, by whom we live, and in whom we hope, with grateful hearts we praise your holy name for your infinite goodness. We thank you for our human life with all its gracious ties and tender relationships; and especially at this time for the holy estate of marriage, which you have ordained to guard, to hallow and to perfect the sacred gift of love. You are the Lord of life and love eternal, Author of all good and Giver of all joy; we thank you and praise you for bringing these your servants, **Groom's Name** and **Bride's Name** who are now to be joined in this sacred bond.

We thank you that they have found in each other faith and love that they desire to make their lives one and to dwell together as long as they live. Without your help we cannot do anything. We ask you to graciously bestow upon Groom's Name and Bride's Name the Holy Spirit in your name as they give each other their vows of love and faithfulness. Help them with simple trust to commit them into your loving care, and enter this marriage covenant in sure dependence upon your unchanging grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Congregation sits while Groom's Name and Bride's Name stand.

Exhortation

The Minister says:

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the presence of God to give thanks for the gift of marriage, to witness the joining together of**Groom's Name**..... and**Bride's Name**..... to surround them with our prayers and to ask God's blessings upon them, so that they may be strengthened for their life together and nurtured in their love for God. Marriage is a way of life instituted by God, and the Holy Scripture commands all people to hold it in honour. Our Lord Jesus Christ blessed it by his presence at Cana of Galilee.

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world and grant that, bearing one another's burdens, sharing one another's joys, and together fulfilling the duties of their home, they may ever be faithful to each other in love and obedience to your word through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: reign, we ask you, in the home of these your servants as Lord and King; give them grace that they may serve others as you served others, and grant that by deed and word that they may be witnesses of your saving love to those amongst whom they live; for your holy name's sake, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Eternal God, designer of families: give**Groom's Name**..... and**Bride's Name**..... grace to lead a responsible family life. Give to them the gift of children, and the wisdom to bring them up in your knowledge, love and service. Grant that all who witness their vows today may find their lives strengthened, and that all who are married may depart with their own promises renewed. Enrich with your grace, all husbands and wives, parents and children, that loving and supporting one another, they may serve those in need and be a sign of your kingdom. Grant that the bonds by which all your children are united to one another may be so transformed by your spirit that your peace and justice may fill the earth, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and His son Jesus Christ our Lord and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Prayers

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, holy be your Name, your Kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Do not bring us to the test, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Lord, save Groom's Name your servant and Bride's Name your hand/maid;

And let them put their trust in you.

O Lord, send help from you ho/ly/ place;

And evermore defend them.

Be unto them a tower/ of/ strength;

From the face of their enemy

O Lord, hear/ our/ prayer;

And let our cry come unto you.

Eternal God, Creator and preserver of all life, Giver of all grace, look with favour upon the world you have made and redeemed, especially upon Groom's Name and Bride's Name. Give them wisdom and devotion in their common life, that each may be to the other, a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy. Grant that their wills may so be knit together in your will and their spirits in your spirit that they may grow in love and peace with you and each other, all the day of their life. **Amen**

Loving God, give them the grace, when they hurt each other to recognize and confess their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours.

About this way of life, hear what our Lord says:

From the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

St. Mark 10: 6-9

Marriage is therefore not by any to be undertaken lightly or ill-advisedly, but seriously and prayerfully, duly considering the purposes for which it is ordained.

It is ordained:

- That marriage gives full expression to the love between man and woman; that in marriage husband and wife belong to each other, and with affection and tenderness freely give themselves to each other;
- That in marriage husband and wife may give to each other life-long companionship, help, and comfort, both in prosperity and in adversity;
- That marriage is the foundation of true family life where God may hallow and direct the natural instincts and affections created by the God and redeemed in Christ;
- That marriage is God's appointed way for the continuance of the human race; that children may be born and brought up in families in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of God; in an atmosphere of security and trust.
- That, marriage being thus held in honour, human society may stand upon firm foundations.

Solemn Consent

The Minister says:

.....Groom's Name..... andBride's Name..... have come here to be united in this holy estate. But if anyone of you here knows any just cause why they may not be married according to the discipline of the Church and the law of this land, please make it known now, or else forever hold your peace.

If no impediment is alleged, the minister says to the persons who are to be married:

.....**Bride's Name**..... and**Groom's Name**..... I charge you both in the presence of God and this congregation, that if either of you knows any reason why you may not be joined together in marriage, you do now confess it.

If no impediment is alleged, minister prays:

Almighty and most merciful God, without whose help we cannot do anything as we ought, we pray that, as you have brought these persons together by your providence, you will enrich them with your grace, that they may enter into the marriage covenant as in your sight, and truly keep the vows they are about to make; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Declaration of intent

Then the minister says to Groom's Name:

Groom's Name, will you have this woman, *Bride's Name* to be your wife, and cleave to her alone? Will you love her, honour her and be a faithful husband to her as long as you both shall live?

And. Groom's Name answers:

I will, with God's help.

The minister says to Bride's Name :

Bride's Name will you have this man, *Groom's Name* to be your husband, and cleave to him alone? Will you love him, honour him and be a faithful wife to him as long as you both shall live?

And Bride's Name answers:

I will, with God's help.

Sermon

Seventfold Blessing

During the singing of the following psalm, the couple moves to the altar.

PSALM : 128

AMEN.

***Blessed are all they that fear the Lord;
and walk in His ways.***

***For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands;
O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.***

***Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine:
upon the walls of thine house.***

***Thy children like the olive plants:
round about the table.***

***Lo, thus shall the man be blessed:
that feareth the Lord.***

***The Lord from out of Zion shall so bless thee :
that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.***

***Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children and peace
upon Israel.***

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son;
and to the Holy Ghost;***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.***

The Minister says:

Most merciful and gracious God, our Father, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; send your blessing upon Groom's Name and Bride's Name whom we bless in your name; that living faithfully together; they may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together and live according to your law; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Marriage Blessing

The Minister says:

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully look upon you with favour, and fill you with all spiritual grace; that you may so live together in this life that in the world to come you may have life everlasting. **Amen.**

Choir: Choral Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

A Bible is placed in the hands of the couple.

The minister says:

May the Word of God be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path. Let the Bible help you to recognize whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, and let it show you the path of excellence. The God of peace will be with you.

Word of God

Scripture reading - I Corinthians 13: 1-13

Special song by the choir (if any)

Affirmation of the families

The Minister says:

The families of both Groom's Name and Bride's Name now come forward, please.
They come forward and stand beside the bride and the groom.

The Minister says:

Dear Parents, Do you give your blessing to Groom's Name and Bride's Name and promise to do everything in your power to uphold them in their marriage?

The Parents respond:

We give our blessing and promise our loving support.

As Groom's Name stretches out his right hand and keeps his palm open, Groom's Name's parents will hold his right hand

Then Bride's Name's parents places her right hand on the right hand of Groom's Name who will receive the right hand of Bride's Name and hold it.

One of the parents prays for the couple.

Affirmation of the congregation

The Minister addresses the congregation:

Will all of you witnessing these vows, do everything in your power to upholdGroom's Name..... andBride's Name..... in their marriage?

The congregation answers:

We will, with God's help

The marriage pledge

The couple faces each other and Groom's Name says after the minister:

Before God and these witnesses, I, Groom's Name take you, Bride's Name to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in health and in sickness; to love, cherish, and protect, as long as we both shall live, according to God's holy law; and to this I give you my pledge.

They continue to hold their hands and Bride's Name says after the minister:

Before God and these witnesses, I, Bride's Name take you, Groom's Name to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in health and in sickness; to love, cherish, and protect, as long as we both shall live, according to God's holy law; and to this I give you my pledge.

The minister says:

God has heard your vows, and we are witnesses.

Hymn (*sing prayerfully*)

O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,
Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne,
That theirs may be the love which knows no ending,
Whom Thou for ever more dost join in one

O perfect Life, be Thou their full assurance
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,
Of patient hope and quiet brave endurance
With child like trust that fears neither pain nor death,

Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife,
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow,
That dawns upon eternal love and life.

Blessing of the Thirumangalyam and the Rings

The minister says:

Bless this Thirumangalyam and these Rings, O merciful Lord, that Groom's Name and Bride's Name who will give and wear them all through their lives may ever be faithful one to the other, and continue together in love so long as they both shall live; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

I request the congregation to stand now.

Groom's Name lifts up the facial veil of Bride's Name...

Then the minister delivers the Thirumangalyam to Groom's Name who puts it on Bride's Name in the customary manner.

Then the couple faces each other and Groom's Name holding the Thirumangalyam, says after the minister:

Bride's Name this Thirumangalyam I give you as a sign of our constant faith and abiding love, I honour you with all that I am, and with all that I have, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Bride's Name says after the minister:

Groom's Name this Thirumangalyam I accept and shall wear it as a token of constant faith and abiding love, I honour you with all that I am, and with all that I have, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. (If Rings are used)

The Minister gives the ring to Groom's Name

Groom's Name places the ring on Bride's Name's left ring finger and says:

Bride's I give you this ring as a symbol of my love, and with this ring I marry you.

Bride's Name then places the ring on Groom's Name's left ring finger says:

Groom's Name I give you this ring as a symbol of my love, and with this ring I marry you.

Declaration of Marriage

The Minister Declares:

As Groom's Name and Bride's Name have made their pledge to each other before God and before this congregation, I declare that they are now husband and wife, according to the Law of this land and the ordinance of God; in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Whom therefore God has joined together, let no one separate.

Then Groom's Name and Bride's Name kneel, while the congregation stands.