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OUTLINE of a WEDDING CEREMONY

Wedding rites have a simple outline, but are often “enriched” with additional elements which are beautiful, sentimental, personal and practical—done in a gracious and ceremonial way.

Entrance	Ceremonial entrance of the wedding party.
Welcome and Introduction	The Minister greets the People assembled in a formal way and explains the significance of what will take place.
Opening Prayer	A simple Prayer invites God’s blessing upon the ceremony which is taking place.
 Readings 	One or more Readings from the Holy Scriptures (and sometimes other sources) serve to explain and inspire everyone about love, God’s blessing, etc.
Marriage Rite	Pastoral “instruction” Statement of Intentions Support of the Friends Assembled Exchange of Promises Declaration of the Marriage Exchange of Rings (optional) Additional customs: marriage candle; ethnic customs, etc. Pastoral Blessing
 Prayers of the Faithful	Prayers of Thanksgiving for the couple and Intercessions for their life together.
Holy Communion Liturgy (optional)	The Christian sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ is celebrated and offered to all present.
Closing Blessing	Final pastoral Benediction over the couple and the family and friends assembled.
Recessional	The wedding party exits from the Sanctuary ceremonially.

 *Points in the service where special music may be inserted (solos, duets, etc.)*