



# Diamond Package Sample Ceremony Script

(Estimated Time: 20 – 35 minutes)

\*NOTE: Can be performed as a secular (No mention of God) ceremony

## Processional

~ Introductory Music ~

~ Bridal Party Enters ~

~ Music for Bride Begins ~

Please rise for the bride

~ Bride enters ~

## Greeting

Officiant: (Addressing Guest) Dearly beloved, we are gathered here on this beautiful day to witness the union of Jill and Jack in holy matrimony. This is a day of great celebration and reverence, on which we come together before God to recognize and commemorate the sacred love and dedication shared between these two people. It is wonderful to have family and friends here to join us today. The bride and groom would like to thank their guests for being here, and would like you to know that each of you were invited here on this day because you have played an integral part in their intertwining lives.

As the Bible reminds us in Corinthians, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no



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record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails."

## Family Blessing

Officiant: (Addressing Companion) Who gives this bride away today?

Bridal Companion: I do.

Officiant: Thank you, you may all be seated now. Let's begin the ceremony in prayer. I invite everyone to join along with me by bowing their heads.

Dear Father, we humbly invite your presence and your blessings to be upon these two as they enter into the ceremony that will unite them in the bonds of holy matrimony. Impress upon them the solemnness and the impact of their actions today that will impact their lives for eternity. Lord we ask that you would strengthen their bond with a supernatural adhesive that only you can provide. In time of great adversity we ask that their love would endure forever, as we know that love is the only weapon the enemy has no defense for. So on this day God, we lift this couple up to you and give them up freely knowing that the hands that molded the universe will also mold their life together for your glory....and everyone said....AMEN. (End Prayer)

In the time that Jill and Jack have spent together, they've built the sturdy foundation for a lifelong relationship. After a great deal of thoughtful consideration, they have decided to bind themselves to one another for the rest of their lives. May you all remember and cherish this sacred ceremony, for on this day, with love, we will forever bind Jill and Jack together.



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## Invocation (optional)

Officiant: (Addressing guests)

Marriage is the oldest and most sacred of all the social institutions among men. Ordained of the all-wise Creator, in the Garden of Eden. Its sanctity has been made known to all the human race, on the pages of the holy word. Rightly regarded, marriage is the highest and happiest of human relationships, the preserver of true love, the foundation of the home and the safeguard of society. In marriage there is twice as much joy and happiness with each of you adding. On the other hand, problems are half as big because you have to hear only half the burden.

After making man in his image and putting him in the Garden of Eden, God saw it was not good for man to be alone but he could not find a suitable partner for him. In Genesis 2:21-25 we read, “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 closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a women 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 “women” for she was taken out of man. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked and they felt no shame.”

From the beginning, God meant for marriage to be a joyous relation with the man and women establishing their own home. As we think of marriage with that special person our thoughts range from establishing a home that will be pleasant and attractive in the most tender



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and sacred relations of life to visions of having beautiful and adoring children. A marriage relation that is thus consummated should not be entered thoughtlessly or irreverently; but advisedly in the fear of God, and for the purpose which He, the divine author, ordained and blessed matrimony. Marriage is love, faith and peace.

A story is told of an artist that wanted to paint a picture of the most beautiful thing in the world. He asked the preacher — Faith — all successes in life is built on faith. He asked a young bride — Love — it builds poverty into riches; sweetens tears; makes much of little; without it there is no beauty. He asked weary soldier — Peace — Where you find peace, there you find beauty. He thought Faith, Love and Peace. How can I paint them? He went home and upon entering the door, he saw Faith in the eyes of his children and in his home was the Peace that Love and Faith had built. He then knew what picture to paint of the most beautiful thing — HOME.

(Addressing couple) Jill and Jack, learn to work together, to laugh together, and to love together. Don't get caught up in worldly things that will draw you apart. Instead, focus on your shared devotion and turn inward. As your relationship strengthens you will find that you come to share a remarkable love; a love that is both abundantly given and freely accepted.

The joy you'll find as you pursue your shared lives will fuel you to face head-on the challenges you'll encounter on this Earth. On your journeys together, keep your spouse in the



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space of highest priority in your heart. The love you share must be guarded and cherished, it is your most valuable treasure.

## **Candle Lighting (wedding ritual)**

(Addressing the guest)

Officiant: From every human being there rises a light. When two souls destined for each other, find one another, their streams of light flow together and a single brighter light goes forth from the united being.

Now Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.” Jill and Jack each have a special light inside of them, one that has brought them through the darkness of this world and into each other’s company. Today they will symbolize the combining of their lights into one using these two candles.

(Officiant hands the couple their candles)

These two candles are symbolic of separate people in their own right. They symbolize your individual spirits, your individual connections with God, all that you are and, all that you have been, and all that you will become.

(Officiant lights each candle)

As God has poured his light into each of you, so shall you extend it to one another and light your future together.

(Couple lights the single candle)

Therefore, Let this candle be a light to the world, and may it never be hidden.



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## Exchange of Vows

Officiant: (Addressing couple) Jill and Jack, the sacred vows that you make to one another today present you with the opportunity to express your love in your own words. I would at this time invite you to publically declare these vows:

Jill, you may begin by repeating after me.

Jill: As freely, Jack, as God has given me life, I join my life with yours. Wherever you go, I will go; whatever you face, I will face. For good or ill, in happiness or sadness, come riches or poverty, I take you as my (husband/wife), and will give myself to no other.

Officiant: Jack, you may now make your promise, please repeat after me.

Jack: I came to this place today as a man standing alone; I will walk from it by your side. Today I cross the threshold with you and enter into a new and lasting lifetime commitment. Jill, I commit myself to you as your husband.

## Declaration of Intent

Officiant: (Addressing couple) Jill and Jack please face one another and join hands. Loved ones and friends, we are now to witness the confession of mutual love and desire that has brought Jack and Jill to this sacred occasion. They have come seeking the blessing of Christ and the sanction of society, that they must be lawfully and happily joined together as husband and wife.



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Officiant: (Addressing Jill)

JILL, do you take JACK to be your husband and do you promise before God and these witnesses that you will be to him a true and devoted wife, true to him in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in prosperity and adversity; and forsaking all others, you will keep yourself to him, and to him only, in all love and honor, in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with him and cherish him according to the ordinance of God, until you are parted by death?

Jill : I do.

Officiant: (Addressing Jack)

JACK, do you take JILL to be your wife and do you promise before God and these witnesses that you will be to her a true and devoted husband, true to her in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in prosperity and adversity; and forsaking all others, you will keep yourself to her, and to her only, in all love and honor, in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with her and cherish her according to the ordinance of God, until you are parted by death?

Jack: I do.

Officiant: (Addressing couple) Paul, in 1 Corinthians 13 would argue that love is an action, not an emotion. The kind of love Paul would talk about is seen, experienced, and demonstrated. This is contrary to our everyday culture that honors personal feelings above almost everything. We do what we want when we want because we “feel” like it. And if we don’t “feel” like it, we don’t do



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it. But if you want to experience the kind of Agape love that sets us, as Christians, apart from the rest of the world you have to be committed to the “Act of Love”. This kind of love is very plainly laid out in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. It states that, “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. [And most importantly] Love never fails.

## Exchange of Rings

Officiant: (Addressing couple) Are there rings to be given as tokens of this union?

The wedding ring is the outward and visible sign or symbol of an inward and spiritual bond which unites two loyal hearts in endless love. God has given us many types of symbols that we should remember His promises.

(Addressing Jill) Jill, will you take Jack’s ring and put it on his finger then repeat after me. I give this ring to you Jack.... as a constant reminder....of my devotion of love.... I dedicate myself in righteousness..... to the pursuit of...our mutual good and happiness...and I willingly and gladly...share with you...all that I possess....till death shall part us.



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(Addressing Jack) Jack, will you take Jill's ring and put it on her finger then repeat after me. I give this ring to you Jill.... as a constant reminder....of my devotion of love.... I dedicate myself in righteousness... to the pursuit of...our mutual good and happiness...and I willingly and gladly...share with you...all that I possess....till death shall part us.

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## **Final Prayer and Blessing**

Officiant: (Addressing guest)

Please join us as we pray corporately, one last time for this couple.

Our Father bless this young couple as they face life together in a sinful world that is full of many temptations. Bless Jack as he assumes the duties and privileges pertaining to his role as a Christian husband. Give him manly strength, energy and virtue that he may fulfill the task that you have planned for him. Give him wisdom for the great decisions of life that are before him and his family.

May your special blessings be with Jill as she accepts duties and privileges pertaining to her role as a Christian wife. Grant her strength of body, mind and spirit that she may fulfill her task that you have planned for her. Give her the wisdom to be a role model in establishing a loving, caring Christian home for her family.



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O Lord, may they find peace and joy and Christian purpose in their family. As they go from this place may they never go from your presence. Bless them and keep them; make your face to shine upon them, be gracious unto them, lift up their countenance upon them and give them peace. We ask it of thee in the name of the son, who is the prince of peace and Lord of Love. Forever and ever and everyone loudly said....AMEN

## **Kiss**

Officiant: (Addressing groom) Jack, you may now kiss the bride, forever sealing your union.

## **Presentation**

Officiant: (Addressing the couple) You may turn around and face the guest.

Officiant: (Addressing guest) Ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to present to you Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latroy Smith!

## **Recessional**

~ Exit Music ~