



Wedding Vows:

I take you, Betty / Richard, to be my wife / husband,  
and these things I promise you:  
I will be faithful to you and honest with you;  
I will respect, trust, help, and care for you;  
I will share my life with you;  
I will forgive you as we have both been forgiven by God;  
and I will try with you to better understand ourselves, the  
world, and God;  
through the best and the worst of what is to come as long as we  
both live.

Blessing of Rings

P Bless, O LORD, these rings to be a sign of the vows by which this  
man and this woman have bound themselves to each other;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

B/R I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

P Betty and Richard, by their promises before God and in the  
presence of this congregation, have bound themselves to one  
another as husband and wife.

C Blessed be the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit now and  
forever.

P Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

C Amen

*The bride and groom kneel.*

P The Lord God, who created your parents, grandparents, and all  
generations before them and established them in marriage,  
establish and sustain you, that you may honor them, find delight  
in each other, grow in holy love until your life's end.

C Amen

P The marriage of Betty and Richard unites their families and creates

a new one. They ask for your blessing.

C We rejoice in your union, and pray God's blessing upon you.

P Will all of you, by God's grace, do everything in your power to  
uphold and care for these two persons in their marriage?

C We will.

Prayers:

*The bride and groom stand.*

P Let us bless God for all the gifts in which we rejoice today.

Lord God, constant in mercy, great in faithfulness: With high praise  
we recall your acts of unfailing love for the human family, for the  
house of Israel, and for your people the Church. We bless you for  
the joy which your servants, Betty and Richard have found in each  
other, and pray that you give to us such a sense of your constant  
love that we may employ all our strength in a life of praise of you,  
whose work alone holds true and endures forever.

C Amen

P Let us pray for Betty and Richard in their life together.

Faithful Lord, source of love, pour down your grace upon Betty  
and Richard that they may fulfill the vows they have made this day  
and reflect your steadfast love in their life-long faithfulness to each  
other. As members with them of the body of Christ, use us to  
support their life together; and from your great store of strength  
give them power and patience, affection and understanding,  
courage, and love toward you, and toward each other, that they  
may continue together in mutual growth in concern and service to  
the world according to your will in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P Let us pray for all families throughout the world.

Gracious Father, you bless the family and renew your people.  
Enrich husbands and wives, parents and children more and more  
with your grace, that, strengthening and supporting each other,

they may serve those in need and be a sign of the fulfillment of your perfect kingdom, where, with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God through all ages of ages.

C Amen

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*The offering of bread and wine is presented by representatives of the two families.*

P Blessed are you,

C O lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With; them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us. Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the lord our God

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

P You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,

whom you sent, out of love for the world,  
to be our Savior.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Christ was born as one of us,  
shared our joys and sorrows,  
and offered his life in perfect obedience and trust.

By his death,  
Christ delivered us from our sins,  
reconciling us to you.  
Risen from the tomb,  
he gives us new and abundant life,  
and offers healing for every human relationship.  
By his sacrificial love,  
Christ sanctified the church to be his holy bride.  
Even now he prepares the wedding banquet.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus,  
on the night before he died,  
took bread,  
and after giving thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,  
we take this bread and this wine  
from the gifts you have given us,  
and celebrate with joy  
the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.  
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,  
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

C Great is the mystery of faith:  
Christ has died,

Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

P Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break  
and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
that we may be one with all who share this feast,  
united in ministry in every time and every place.

Give Betty and Richard the spirit of peace,  
that they may become one in heart and mind,  
and rejoice together in your gift of marriage.  
Let their love for each other  
witness to your divine love in the world.

Strengthen the church  
to proclaim your justice, joy, and peace  
and to live for your kingdom in the world.  
Keep us faithful in your service  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we shall feast with all your saints  
in the joy of your eternal realm  
at the marriage supper of the Lamb,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.

C Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
...  
forever and ever. Amen

Distribution Hymn      Ubi Caritas et Amor      WOV 665

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and

keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Hymn                      Let All Things Now Living                      LBW 557

P Loving God,  
we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the marriage feast of the Lamb.  
So strengthen us in your service  
that our daily living may show our thanks,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, Father, ☩Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in his light  
and truth and love now and forever.

C Amen.

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The congregation is invited to a reception at Avon Old Farms Inn,  
followed by a second reception at the home of Mr & Mrs Burgess at  
134 Richard St in West Hartford.

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Bride	Betty Marie Schomer	Groom	Richard Martin Burgess
Maid of Honor	Patricia A Rose	Best Man	Allan B Conway
Children of Bride	Jonathan A Schomer Audrey L Schomer	Sister of Groom	Jeanette M Burgess
Mother of Bride	Lillian M Stitham	Friends of Groom	Harlan & Ramona Pergande