

*The Wedding of*  
***BBB & GGG***

*February 12, 2008 at the Persimmon Country Club*  
*Gresham, Oregon*

- **abGroom's Men** escort the **Mothers** down the aisle and return to the wedding party.
- **abThe Mothers** light the tapers for the **Unity Candle** and return to their seats.
- **abGGG** and **Griffen** walk together down the center aisle to their places.
- **abThe Groom's Men** escort the **Bride's Maids** down the central aisle and take their places on either side of the Groom and Griffen.
- **abBBB** then makes her entrance on her **Father's** arm and walks to the front row.
- **abOnce** everyone is in place, **Griffen** will say the following **Words of Welcome**

## Invitation

We invite you to be with us today as we gather  
to witness and to celebrate  
the union of **GGG (FULL NAME)** and **BBB (FULL NAME)**.

As these two formally become husband and wife,  
we actually do nothing today to bind these two together.

We merely recognize  
and come forward to bless  
a relationship which is, in fact,  
already well established.

Their bonds are made of love and respect,  
kindness and honor.

The love and commitment between them  
brings together the hopes and the dreams -  
in deed, the very lives of two families.

You have the opportunity today  
to declare your support  
and to help make strong  
the bonds of love that unite **BBB** and **GGG**  
so they may live long and happy lives together,  
whatever fortunes the future may bring.

Toward that end,  
on behalf of **GGG** and **BBB, and their families**.  
I welcome you all.

### **Who presents *BBB* to be married to *GGG*?**

- *BBB's Father answers for himself and the family...*
- *GGG steps forward and escorts BBB to the platform.*

### **Ladies and Gentlemen, Please be Seated...**

## Declarations of Intent

### **GGG / BBB:**

Understanding the profound and life-long nature  
of the covenant of marriage,  
do you wish to take **BBB / GGG**  
to be your **wife / husband?**

"I do."

And to all of you who are assembled here today:  
Marriages succeed best

with the love and support of our families and friends.  
Therefore I ask you,  
the families and friends of **BBB** and **GGG**:  
Will all of you who witness these vows  
do everything in your power  
to uphold them in their marriage?

If you will, please say, "We will."

### Readings / Music ?????

### Vows

**GGG** and **BBB**; take each others hands and declare your marriage vows.

I, **GGG / BBB**, take you, **BBB / GGG**  
to be my **wife / husband**.  
I promise, to be your loving and faithful **husband / wife**;  
in plenty and in want,  
in joy and in sorrow,  
in sickness and in health,  
as long as we both shall live.

### Exchange of Rings

**GGG** and **BBB**: Please present your wedding rings.

- **BBB & GGG** retrieve their rings from **Ring Bearer** or **Best Man** and **Best Lady**.
- **Griffen** says the following:

Rings are ancient symbols,  
blessed and simple.  
Round like the sun,  
like a perfect pearl,  
like arms that embrace.  
May these rings remind you that your love,  
like the sun,  
illuminates;  
that your love,  
like the pearl,  
grows in luster;  
and that your love,  
like arms that embrace,  
is a grace upon this world.

- *Each one takes the ring they will place on the other's finger....*
- *Poise the ring over the end of the correct finger and say...*

I give you this ring

as a sign of our constant faith  
and abiding love.

### Unity Candle - Special Music

Just and **BBB** and **GGG** join their lives together today,  
to follow a single path;  
so now they unite the flames of separate candles  
to create a single flame.

#### **GGG and BBB:**

The individual candles  
represent your lives before today.  
as individuals  
and as members of your particular families.

Lighting the center candle  
represents the union of your lives  
into one bright light.

And through your union,  
the merger of your families  
into one greater family.

Each of you now  
take one of the lighted candles  
and together light the center candle.

- *Griffen steps aside as **GGG** and **BBB** go to the Unity Candle.*
- *Standing on either side of the table, they each take a lighted taper and together, light the central candle.*
- *They return to their places and join hands facing each other.*
- ***Griffen** remains to one side and says...*

### Pronouncement

In the presence of this company,  
**BBB** and **GGG** have made solemn vows to each other.  
They have confirmed their promises  
by joining hands and exchanging rings.  
Therefore, by the authority vested in me  
by the State of Oregon,  
I proclaim that they are now husband and wife.

You may seal your promises with a kiss...

### Announcements

*Ladies and Gentlemen: At the end of the ceremony, you are invited to gather at ..... for a reception in honor of **BBB** and **GGG**. The Bride and Groom will join you after*

*they have signed some papers and made a few more photographs.*

### **Benediction**

Now you will feel no rain,  
for each of you will be shelter to the other.  
Now you will feel no cold,  
for each of you will be warmth to the other.  
Now you will feel no loneliness,  
for each of you will be a companion to the other.  
Now, you are two bodies,  
but there is only one life before you.  
Go now to your dwelling place,  
to enter the days of your life together.  
And may your days be good and rich and long upon the earth.

### **Introduction of Couple**

I have the honor of being the first to introduce to you:  
Mr. and Mrs. **GGG** and **BBB Surname**