

WEDDING PROGRAM

WYATT W. BROWN
&
KATHERINE E. HOUK

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Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,
and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

THANK YOU

We cannot thank all of you enough for joining us
today. We would especially like to thank our parents
for all their love and support.

THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY OF WYATT WILLIAM BROWN AND KATHERINE ELISE MADELEINE APRIL ROSE HOUK

WELCOME

Thank you so much for joining us today as we tie the knot and open the doors to our new future together. We ask that you please be seated as directed by the ushers or with people to whom you recognize. The ceremony will be around an hour, so please finish any business you may have before the ceremony begins. Due to there being a large number of people, we wished to witness our nuptials, we apologize for any discomfort or constriction while seated.

PHONES

We ask you please turn off your mobile device so that you can be fully present during the ceremony. There is a designated photographer that has been hired to take photos for us, and you will be able to see after the wedding on our website.

NURSERY

We have an unstaffed nursery available outside and on the right of the first hallway for your convenience.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE GUEST BOOK

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **(Refrain)**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. **(Refrain)**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near,
joining in glad exaltation!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle uplifting sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by His gracious ordaining?

THE ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE

CONSENT OF MARRIAGE

P Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

A Her mother and I.

P Wyatt and Katherine, parents, close friends and relatives of the bride and groom, we are here this afternoon to worship and praise our Lord as we gather at this wedding ceremony. Wyatt and Katherine are about to enter into a covenant, or an agreement, for life. They will join as one in marriage. Therefore, I ask Wyatt and Katherine to please stand before the altar of our Lord.

INVOCATION

P We make our beginning this afternoon in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P Friends in Christ, we are here in the presence of God representing His Church to witness the making of this marriage covenant between Wyatt and Katherine, and to share in their joy. By this participation we commit ourselves to support Wyatt and Katherine's marriage and the institution of marriage in general. We also confess that the sacrificial love and forgiveness necessary in marriage is possible only through the grace of God, and cannot be maintained by man alone.

SCRIPTURE

Groom's Reading

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Bride's Reading

Ephesians 5:22-31

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own

bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of His body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

WEDDING MESSAGE

Pastor Jim Sprengle

COVENANT OF MARRIAGE

P Wyatt and Katherine, you have decided to become a couple in order to carry out a mission. For that reason, you have come here today in the presence of God and this gathering to join yourselves together in the holy and unique bond of the marriage covenant. As you live out this covenant, the Holy Spirit will be working in you. You two will become one. The Christian marriage covenant is rooted in the Gospel of Christ. First of all, it is a covenant of love. This love is patient and endures all things. It is not jealous or grasping. To love is to give. In a unique way, you will each give yourself to the other. You will live your life for the other. As God’s love in Christ is the source of new strength and life and freedom for you, so your loving and giving will strengthen and free the other. Secondly, it is a covenant of faithfulness. It is a promise to be faithful in good times and in bad; in times of sickness and in times of health; in times of plenty and in times of need; in times of togetherness and in times of boredom; in times of joy and in times of despair. So let God’s faithfulness to His people be the model of and the strength of your faithfulness to each other. And finally, it is a covenant of mission. Your marriage is not an end in itself. Its goal is to share with others the strength, peace, and joy you find in your mutual love and common faith in Jesus Christ. You will share in Christ’s work of love and peace among all people.

MARRIAGE VOWS

P So, Wyatt, will you have Katherine Elise Madeleine April Rose Houk to be your wedded wife, to live with her after God’s ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Do you intend to love her, comfort her, honor her, and keep her in sickness and in health, in good times and bad times, for better or worse, and forsaking all others, keep yourself only for her so long as you both shall live? If so, then answer, “I do.”

A I do.

P And Katherine, will you have Wyatt William Brown to be your wedded husband, to live with him after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Do you intend to love him, comfort him, honor him, obey him, and keep him in sickness and in health, in good times and bad times, for better or worse, and forsaking all others, keep yourself only for him so long as you both shall live? If so, then answer, "I do."

A I do.

THE COVENANT IS SEALED WITH THE EXCHANGE OF RINGS

P As you, Wyatt, place this ring on Katherine's hand, declare your covenant with her by repeating these words:

A I, Wyatt, in the presence of God and these witnesses take you, Katherine Elise Madeleine April Rose Houk, to be my wedded wife and pledge you my love till death parts.

P As you, Katherine, place this ring on Wyatt's hand, declare your covenant with him by repeating these words:

A I, Katherine, in the presence of God and these witnesses take you, Wyatt William Brown, to be my wedded husband and pledge you my love till death parts.

P May your words of promise be everlasting, and may the rings you have exchanged be symbols of your vows to live together as one in Christ Jesus, and may they also be symbols of God's love which has no beginning or end. In this may God bless you through our Heavenly Bridegroom, Jesus Christ.

BLESSING AND PRAYER

P Lord God of love, Creator of all mankind, the One who established marriage at the beginning of time, we ask that You send Your blessing upon Wyatt and Katherine whom we bless in Your name. Encourage, enable, and empower them to keep the vows and the covenants they have just made before You and to each other. Support them so that they may always remain in perfect love and peace together, and that they may live according to Your will and standard for marriage. Look upon them with Your grace and mercy that they may love, honor, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, in forgiveness and concern that their home may be a sanctuary of blessing and a place of peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✠ give you
peace. Amen. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

PRONOUNCEMENT

P Forasmuch as you, Wyatt, and you, Katherine, have consented together in the presence of God, and of this gathering, to live together in holy matrimony, and have pledged the same by giving and receiving a ring, and by joining hands: I now declare you to be husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRESENTATION

P I now present to you, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt and Katherine Brown.

RECESSIONAL

HYMN “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.