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# Wedding Ceremony for Matthew & Whitney Jones

**Officiant:** Pastor David Moseley

**Date:** 11/01/2025

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Location:** Prien Lake Park

## Prelude / Worship

When the bridal party is in place, the congregation is invited to stand for the bride's entrance.

## Opening & Welcome

**Pastor:**

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today in the presence of God, family, and friends to unite **Matthew and Whitney** in the covenant of holy marriage — a divine union established by God Himself. Marriage is more than a social contract; it is a **sacred covenant** that reflects the mystery of Christ and His Church. Today, the Lord joins these two as one flesh, one heart, and one purpose — to glorify Him through their union. Let us invite the presence of the Holy Spirit to rest upon this place.

## Opening Prayer / Invocation

**Pastor:**

Let's pray together.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this holy moment. We sense Your presence here. You are the author of love, the creator of life, and the foundation of every true marriage. We ask You, Lord, to breathe Your Spirit upon Matthew and Whitney today. Let their love be pure, their home be filled with Your peace, and their hearts be ever bound together by Your presence. Holy Spirit, we welcome You — have Your way in this ceremony. In Jesus' mighty name, amen.

## Presentation of the Bride

**Pastor:**

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

**Father :**

Her mother and I.

*(Motion for Matthew to receive Whitney, and they step forward together.)*

# Scripture Reading

## Pastor:

Before we continue, let us turn to God's Word, which is the foundation of this union.

*Genesis 2:18, 22–24 (NKJV)*

“And the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ ... Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said, ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.’ ... Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

*Ephesians 5:25–27 (NASB)*

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her... that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle, but that she would be holy and blameless.”

# Pastoral Charge

## Pastor:

Matthew and Whitney, marriage is not man's idea — it is God's design. He is the One who said, “*It is not good for man to be alone.*”

Matthew, God calls you to love Whitney as Christ loves the Church — sacrificially, faithfully, and with tenderness. You are the spiritual leader of your home. Lead her not by force, but by faith. Let your prayers be the covering over your family.

Whitney, God calls you to honor and support Matthew, to be his helper and companion. The Word says, “*A wise woman builds her house.*” Let your kindness, faith, and prayer shape the heart of your home.

*1 Corinthians 13:4 “Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.”*

Together, may your marriage be a testimony of Christ's love — strong in trial, gentle in spirit, full of grace, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

# The Bride's Three Roses Ceremony

*(To be spoken by the officiant during the wedding ceremony)*

## Introduction

### Officiant:

Today, as this beautiful bride stands before the man God has chosen for her, she does so not only as a woman in love — but as a woman who has been *shaped, guided, and nurtured* by others who poured love into her life.

In her hands are three roses — simple, yet deeply meaningful.

Each rose represents **love, growth, and prosperity** — three divine qualities that have blossomed in her through the influence of three special ladies.

## The Symbolism of the Roses

The **three roses** represent **love** — the love that first surrounded her and taught her how to give and receive it; **growth** — the wisdom, faith, and strength that helped her become the woman she is today; **prosperity** — not merely material success, but the flourishing of her spirit, her calling, and her destiny in Jesus Christ.

## The Presentation of Roses

[Soft music may begin. The bride turns to each of the three women, one by one.]

### Officiant (as the bride gives the first rose):

To the first lady, her mother, Liana Deville, who taught her the meaning of unconditional love — who prayed for her, guided her, and reflected the heart of God — She gives you this rose as a symbol of gratitude and honor.

“Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: ‘There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all.’” — Proverbs 31:28–29 (NLT)

### Officiant (as the bride gives the second rose):

To the second lady, her soon to be mother-in-law Nancy Jones, who helped her grow — through counsel, correction, encouragement, and faith. You have sown seeds of strength and grace that continue to bear fruit in her life. She gives you this rose as a symbol of gratitude and honor.

### Officiant (as the bride gives the third rose):

To the third lady, her Godmother, Janessa Ramos, whose life has modeled spiritual and emotional prosperity — who taught her that true beauty begins in the heart and that favor flows from walking closely with God. She gives you this rose as a symbol of gratitude and honor.

## Closing Blessing

[Bride returns to stand beside her groom.]

### Officiant (prayerfully):

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the women who have poured love, wisdom, and faith into this bride’s journey. May these roses remind us all that love grows in community, that growth comes through godly influence, and that true prosperity flows from walking with You. Bless these women for the roles they’ve played, and bless this marriage to flourish with the same grace and favor. In Jesus’ precious name, **Amen.**

## Exchange of Vows

### Pastor:

Please join hands and face one another as you make your vows before God.

### Groom:

I, Matthew, take you, Whitney, to be my wedded wife — to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love you as Christ loves the Church, to lead our home in the Word and in prayer, and to remain faithful to you as long as we both shall live. This I vow before God and these witnesses.

### Bride:

I, Whitney, take you, Matthew, to be my wedded husband — to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to honor you, to stand beside you, to pray with you and for you, and to remain faithful to you as long as we both shall live. This I vow before God and these witnesses.

# Blessing of the Wedding Rings

## **Pastor:**

These rings are the visible symbols of an invisible grace. They represent the unbroken circle of love — a love that has no beginning and no end, just as God's love has no limit and no end. The precious metal of these rings reminds us that love is not cheap, nor common. It is rare. It is costly. And when refined by fire, it shines all the more beautifully — just as your love will, when it is refined by the grace of God.

[lift the rings]

## **Prayer of Blessing**

**Heavenly Father,** We ask Your blessing upon these rings — that they may be constant reminders of the covenant being made today. May these rings speak of love that is pure, commitment that is steadfast, and a union that is unbreakable. As these rings encircle their fingers, may Your arms encircle their hearts. Bind them together in faith, in hope, and in love. May their marriage reflect the love of Christ for His Church — a love that serves, forgives, endures, and never fails. Holy Spirit, seal this union with Your presence. Empower them to walk together in grace, to speak truth in love, and to face every season with unshakable faith. In the name of the Jesus — we bless these rings and the covenant they represent. **Amen.**

# Exchange of Rings

## **Pastor:**

These rings are symbols — not just of your love, but of an everlasting covenant before God. As you wear them, may they remind you daily that what God has joined together, no one can separate.

## **Groom (placing ring):**

With this ring, I pledge my love and my life to you, in the name of Jesus.

## **Bride (placing ring):**

With this ring, I pledge my love and my life to you, in the name of Jesus.

# Prayer and Blessing Over the Couple

## **Pastor:**

Let's extend our hands toward Matthew and Whitney as we pray.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we bless this marriage. We declare Your favor, Your protection, and Your anointing over their union. Let Your Holy Spirit fill their home with peace. May they always walk in unity, quick to forgive, rich in grace, and strong in love. When storms come, be their shelter. When trials arise, be their strength. Make their marriage a light that draws others to You. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, we pray —  
**and everyone say, Amen!**

# Pronouncement

## **Pastor:**

Matthew and Whitney, as you have made your covenant before God and these witnesses, and by the authority given to me by the state of Louisiana and by the LORD as a minister of the Gospel of the Jesus Christ, I now pronounce you **husband and wife** — in the name of Jesus Christ!

**Matthew, you may kiss your bride.**

*(Applause)*

## **Presentation of the Couple**

**Pastor (joyfully):**

Family and friends, it is my honor and great joy to present to you for the very first time —

**Mr. and Mrs. Matthew and Whitney Jones!**

*(Recessional music begins. Couple exits)*