THE MARRIAGE OF

WX and YZ

BEFORE FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND GOD

ON THIS DAY OF GRACE (DATE)

ST. ANDREW’S CHURCH KINGSTON

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Processional

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Lighting the Family Candles

The Purpose of the Marriage

Marriage is a gift and calling of God, and is not to be entered lightly or thoughtlessly, but reverently and responsibly in accordance with the Gospel of Christ.

In the grace of God, marriage can be for the companionship of help and comfort in mutual care, so that husband and wife may live faithfully together.

In the grace of God, marriage can be for the fulfilling of human love in mutual honour, so that husband and wife may know each other with delight.

In the grace of God, marriage can be for the nurture of children,

so they may find the security of love, and grow up in the heritage of faith.

In the grace of God, marriage can be for the enrichment of society, so that husband and wife being joined together may enter into the life of the community as a new creation.

Scripture Readings

Minister’s Address

The Promises

I, WX take you, YZ, to be my lawfully wedded husband in accordance with God’s holy will, to have and to hold from this day forward for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, to love and to cherish, and to be faithful to you alone, as long as we both shall live, and to this end I pledge to you my word.

I, YZ take you, WX, to be my lawfully wedded wife in accordance with God’s holy will, to have and to hold from this day forward for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, to love and to cherish, and to be faithful to you alone, as long as we both shall live, and to this end I pledge to you my word.

The Giving of the Rings

The Marriage Blessing

May the Lord bless you and take care of you;

May the Lord be kind and gracious to you;

May the Lord look on you with favour and give you peace.

Lighting the New Family Candle

Prayer of Intercession

Signing the Register

Recessional