



Shammah
City Ministries

JOSHUA Weds JUDITH

WEDDING CEREMONY ORDER OF SERVICE

13TH - SEPTEMBER - 2025

Prelude by Choir.

MINISTER CALLS THE SERVICE TO ORDER.

BRIDEGROOM & HIS ENTOURAGE ENTERS:

Song: All power belongs to You alone

*All power belongs to You alone
All power belongs to You alone
All the power belongs to You alone
All power belongs to You alone*

*Once you have spoken,
Twice I have heard
All power belongs to You alone
And when You have spoken
It surely comes to pass
All power belongs to You alone*

MAIDS AND MATRON ENTER

HYMN: To God be the Glory

*To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.*

*Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;*

*The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

*Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.*

ALL STAND AS THE BRIDE ENTERS:

SONG: See what the Lord has done - Nathaniel Basey

INTRODUCTION:

The bride and groom stand before the minister.

INTRODUCTION REMARKS (*Whilst at altar; couple stands, congregation sits.*)

MINISTER:

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God, and in the face of this congregation, to join together Joshua and Judith in Holy Matrimony, which is an honourable estate, instituted by God Himself, signifying unto us the mystical union that is between Christ and His Church.

Which Holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with His presence in the first miracle which He wrought in Cana of Galilee. And is commended to be honourable among all men, and therefore is not by any to be enterprised nor taken in hand unadvisedly, lightly or wantonly. But reverently, discreetly, and soberly, and in the fear of God, duly considering the causes for which matrimony was ordained.

FIRST, it was ordained for the increase of mankind according to the will of God, and that children might be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praise of His Holy Name.

SECOND, it was ordained for a remedy against sin, and to avoid fornication; that such persons who have not the gift of self-control might marry, and keep themselves undefiled members of Christ's body.

THIRD, it was ordained for mutual society help and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other both in prosperity and adversity. Into which Holy estate these two persons present, come now to be joined.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

When you read 1 John 5:11-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17, & 1 JOHN 5:1, you will clearly see that a man must receive Jesus into his heart as Lord of His Life to be born of God with the nature of Love. Only then does he become a member of God's family and a partaker of the inheritance of saints in light.

To the Bride and Groom: Given that Holy Matrimony is one of the inheritances of the saints, do you here in the presence of the congregation re-affirm your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord of your lives?

Groom: I do

Bride: I do

Minister: Upon public profession of your faith, you have made known to all men that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is your Lord and that you are born again. When two born-again believers come before God to be joined together as Husband and Wife, a miracle also takes place by their union.

INQUIRY INTO THE BANS OF MARRIAGE

But first, I am to ask anyone present who knows a reason why these persons, **Joshua** and **Judith**, may not lawfully marry, to declare it now (*pause*) or forever hold your peace.

Minister says to couple:

Judith and **Joshua**, the vows that you are about to take are to be made in the name of God, who is the judge of all and who knows all the secrets of our hearts. Therefore, if either of you has a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

THE DECLARATION OF CONSENT

Minister says to the Groom.

Joshua, will you take **Judith** to be your duly wedded wife? Will you love her, comfort her, honour her, protect her, and, forsaking all other women, men, animals, and anything in that picture, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Joshua: I will.

Minister says to the Bride.

Judith, will you take **Joshua** to be your duly wedded husband? Will you love him, comfort him, honour him, protect him, and, forsaking all other men, women, animals, and anything in that picture, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Judith: I will.

GIVING AWAY OF THE BRIDE

MINISTER: Who giveth this woman to be married to this man? *(Father stands, comes to the microphone and says:)*

I, ...(Name of parent/guardian)... on this 13th day of September 2025, do freely and willingly give away my daughter Judith Akopo in marriage to Joshua Kyaruhanga, with all my blessings.

The Groom unveils the Bride; he takes the Bride's hand in his and says:

I Joshua Kyaruhanga, take you **Judith Akopo** to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for richer, in health and any other conditions of life, to love and to cherish till death do us part, according to God's Holy law; and this is my solemn vow.

They loose hands.

The Bride takes the bridegroom's hand into hers and says:

I Judith Akopo take you **Joshua Kyaruhanga** to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for richer, in health and any other conditions of life, to love and to cherish till death do us part, according to God's Holy law; and this is my solemn vow.

THE BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS

MINISTER: May I have the rings, please?

The minister receives the rings and says:

In your name O Lord, we dedicate these rings that by thy blessing, both the giver and the wearer will keep the true faith for one to the other, may abide together in peace, continue together in favour, live together in love, and finally dwell together in your eternal Kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let these rings be to **Joshua** and **Judith** a symbol of unending love and faithfulness, to remind them of the vow and covenant which they have made this day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

EXCHANGE OF RINGS:

Joshua puts the ring upon the fourth finger of **Judith's** left hand and says;

Judith, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage, with my body I honour you, all that I am, I give you and all that I have, I share with you within the Love of God, the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Judith puts the ring upon the fourth finger of **Joshua's** left hand and says;

Joshua, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage, with my body I honour you, all that I am, I give you and all that I have, I share with you within the Love of God, the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The proclamation of the newlywed Mr. (Groom's name) and (Bride's name).

In the presence of God and before this congregation, **Joshua** and **Judith** have given their consent and made their marriage vows known to each other. They have declared their marriage by joining of hands and by giving and receiving rings. I therefore proclaim that they are husband and wife in the name of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Minister joins their hands and says:

That which God has joined together, let no man put asunder.

Minister to the groom: You may now hug your bride.

PRAYING FOR THE NEWLYWED COUPLE. *(Invite the Parents and select ministers in attendance to come forward and declare a blessing over the couple.)*

SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

Song: Lakapedor Ngesi Jo (Emamei)

PRESENTATION OF THE NEW TO THE CONGREGATION

To the Bride and Groom: Please turn and face the congregation

To the congregation: Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you **MR. AND MRS KYARUHANGA.**

(The couple takes their seats as the band/choir plays an interlude.)

THE WORD.

THANKSGIVING & OFFERING: The couple stand and face the congregation, an offering basket is placed before them. The congregation stands and gives its offering.

Songs: Narekelemo

RECOGNITION OF THE VARIOUS PASTORS & DIGNITARIES PRESENT.

THE COUPLE TAKES SELECT PICTURES AT THE FRONT.

CLOSING PRAYER.

THE NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE WALKS OUT.

Songs: Wahamba nathi
He has given me Victory