

# The Journey of Two Becomes One



## Wedding

November 9, 2008

### PROCESSION

*Guests will be seated by attendants. Male attendants will remain at the altar and clergy will take their place upon the dias. Music chosen by the couple will be played and the children will enter the sanctuary followed by the Female attendants. The bride and her father will approach the sanctuary and briefly stop in the door way as **Raven** says:*

“Please rise”.

*The bride and her father will walk down the isle to the dias stopping just short. **Carrion** will say:*

“Who brings forth this bride with love to begin her life anew”.

*Bride’s father answers:*

“Her mother and I”.

**Raven** says:

“Then *(name of bride)* shall now take her place beside *(name of groom)* as they prepare to begin their journey in love and life as one.”

### OPENING PRAYERS

Musical Signal- a bell tolls 3X3.

Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father (Raven)

As (*name of bride and groom*) stand before us this day to begin life anew, may their marriage be blessed with the creative potential of all the world and divine spark that brings forth all new life.

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration (Carrion)

May the words you speak this day fill your hearts and home with joy and love that you may remember this moment for all time.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (Raven)**

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Family and friends, today we have gathered in love and support for (*name of bride and groom*).

We join them to witness the sacred oath they shall make to one another, as they begin a new life together.

This day we shall celebrate not only the union of two, but also the creation of a family.

On this most joyous of occasions, may all who have assembled have peace in their minds, love in their hearts and joy in their souls!

**CONSECRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

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*The bride and groom are asperged with water from the well and incense from the fire. Carrion will asperge and Raven will cense.*

**THE SACRED CENTER**

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Affirmation of Unity (Carrion)

The magic of marriage is unity...oneness.  
Peace requires selflessness and compassion.  
The magic of marriage is balance...wholeness.  
Harmony requires give and take.  
The magic of marriage is loyalty...trusting.  
Love requires sharing and caring.  
Let the magic of marriage be yours.

**KINDRED OFFERINGS**

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**(Raven)**

We live in a world of ever-changing beauty that we share with many creatures, great and small. May we strive to live in harmony with the natural world.

**(Carrion)**

As we celebrate this most joyous occasion, may we remember the loved ones who have passed from this world before us, whose wisdom continues to influence our lives.

**(Raven)**

We are blessed by Powers greater than ourselves. May the spark of the divine dwell within us... always.

**(Carrion)**

*(name of bride and groom)* may your family forever find the guidance, wisdom and blessings you seek.

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## HALLOWING OF THE WATERS

*The Blessing Cup is pre-filled and stands on the altar.*

**(Raven)**

Since ancient times the sharing of a cup has affirmed and empowered sacred oaths before you stands such a vessel.

**(Carrion)**

Within this cup lies the power of many..of community. Know that you do not stand alone, as you begin your journey together.

**(Raven)**

Within this cup resides the power for unity..for harmony. Know that it is through working together your love for one another will grow and prosper.

**(Carrion)**

Within this cup lives the power to begin anew. Know that the potential for all of your hopes and dreams lies before you.

**(Raven)**

Share this cup as you will share your joy...your sorrow...and your life together.

*The bride and groom drink from the cup.*

## THE WORK OF HANDEASTING

**(Carrion)**

*(name of bride and groom)* are you ready to make your vows one to another.

***Bride's Oath taking up groom's ring***

*Bride places groom's ring on his finger following her oath.*

***Groom's Oath taking up bride's ring***

*Groom places bride's ring on her finger following his oath.*

*The unity candle stands in the hallows. The brides teenager joins the bride and groom. Each take up a blue candle.*

**(Raven)**

This day we not only celebrate a sacred union and honor the love and commitment *(name of bride and groom)* have show to one another, but we shall now stand with them as they establish their family.

*The groom presents the teenager with a necklace then the bride, groom and teenager take up a candle.*

*All three will repeat the following lines after Carrion.*

May this candle stand as a symbol of our family.

May it warm our hearts and inspire our minds.

May it protect our hearth and our home.

And may its light forever guide us through the darkness.

*All three light the unity candle as one and teenager returns to the line of attendants.*

**(Raven)**

Now join your hands one with another.

*The handfasting cord is brought forth and raised before the couple.*

Let this cord symbolize the bonds of your love for one another.

**(Carrion)**

As this cord is tied, let it unite your mind, body and spirit. For together you become more than you are alone.

***The bride and groom's hands are tied together with a cord.***

**(Raven)**

Let this knot represent a connection that shall forever remain unbroken, for it is truly the tie that binds.

***The bride and groom's hands are unbound.***

**(Carrion)**

Now turn to all who have assembled that they may greet you as you walk this day as one.

Musical Signal- ***a bell tolls 3X3 times.***\_\_

**(Raven)**

Ladies and gentlemen, may I present ***(name of the couple)***.

***The bride and groom now leave the Nemeton followed by attendants. Guests also leave from front to back. Raven and Carrion remain in the Nemeton to conclude the ritual.***

*NOTE: The wedding omen was taken weeks prior to the event so that if necessary offering could be made and work completed by the couple prior to actually taking this oath. The omen from the Kindred was very positive and the blessings from this omen were drawn within the waters during the ceremony.*

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