

Sidebottom Wedding

Enter Minister, Groom

Processional Music

Wedding Family is seated

GIVING OF THE BRIDE

- [Bride to Middle]
- “Who gives this woman to be married here today?”

Greeting

Welcome everyone. We are so glad you are here to celebrate the marriage of **Alex Sidebottom and Abby Nguyen**. It means the world to them to look out and see so many people who have loved them, supported them, and helped shape their story.

(Seat the Audience)

Alex and Abby, we are especially glad to be here with you today.

Today is a beautiful day. Not just because of the setting, the music, or the details, but because of what is happening here.

From the very beginning, marriage was God's idea. In Genesis, God looked at Adam and said, "It is not good for man to be alone." And when Jesus began His public ministry, His very first miracle took place at a wedding. That tells us something important. God cares deeply about marriage.

Marriage is more than paperwork or a celebration. It is a covenant. Jesus said in Mark 10, "The two will become one flesh." No longer two separate lives, but one shared life moving forward together.

Perfect Love, Lived Out

The truth is, there are no perfect people, and there are no perfect marriages.

Marriage is not lived out in polished moments. It is lived out in everyday life. In long conversations, in laughter, in tension, in forgiveness, and in choosing one another again and again.

In Scripture, the word *perfect* does not mean flawless. It means **complete**, whole, not lacking anything.

1 John 4:18 says, “Perfect love drives out fear.”

So what is perfect love?

Perfect love is not the absence of struggle. Perfect love is love that stays. Love that forgives. Love that moves toward someone instead of away from them.

This is where the gospel speaks so clearly.

The Bible tells us that God loved us first. Out of perfect love, Jesus stepped into our world. He lived among us. He carried our sin to the cross and willingly laid down His life for us.

Jesus died so that we could be forgiven. And three days later, He rose from the grave, defeating sin and death, proving that love truly wins.

That is perfect love. Complete love. Love that drives out fear. Love that gives itself fully for the good of another.

And for anyone here today, that same love is still available. No matter your past, your doubts, or your questions, God's invitation is simply to receive the love He has already shown you through Jesus.

Scripture calls husbands to love their wives the way Christ loved the church, by giving Himself up for her. That kind of love is sacrificial. It serves. It stays. It chooses love even when it costs something.

Alex and Abby, this kind of love does not come from effort alone. It comes from God. That is why today you are not just joining your lives together, you are

inviting Jesus into the center of your marriage. His love fills the gaps you cannot. His grace sustains you when life gets heavy.

My prayer for you is not that life will always be easy, but that your marriage will always be filled with that kind of love. The love that Christ has shown us. Complete. Faithful. Enduring.

Vows

Alex & Abby, please join right hands.

Alex – repeat after me.

I, Alex, take you Abby,
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 comfort and to cherish,
to honor and to keep,
in joy and in sorrow,

to preserve this vow,
holy and unbroken,
until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ,
or until death do us part.

Abby – repeat after me.

I, Abby, take you Alex,
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 comfort and to cherish,
to honor and to keep,
in joy and in sorrow,
to preserve this vow,
holy and unbroken,
until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ,
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Rings

Alex, this ring is a symbol of your endless love for Abby and a promise of your faithfulness, devotion, loyalty, and trust.

“With this ring, I thee wed, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Abby, this ring is a symbol of your endless love for Alex and a promise of your faithfulness, devotion, loyalty, and trust.

“With this ring, I thee wed, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”

PRAYER

Pronouncement

By the authority vested in me as a minister of the Gospel, and according to the laws of the State of Texas, I now

declare **Alex Sidebottom and Abby Nguyen** husband and wife.

What God has joined together, let no one separate.

Alex, you may kiss your bride.

Presentation

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my joy to present to you

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sidebottom.