

WEDDING PROGRAMME

GIFT & GIDEON

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*Thank You
& Coming*

Order of Service

for the
Solemnization of Holy Matrimony
between

Gideon Okon Bassey

&

Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu

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The Chapel of the Resurrection,
University of Ibadan.

On Saturday, 23rd Nvember, 2024

Time: 10:00am

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10. Rev. Kehinde Aribire
11. Pastor D.O. George

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1. Hymn for the Procession CRHB 45 – Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.
3. Father-like, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte, (1793-1847)

2. Opening Prayer

3. Exhortation

(The Congregation remains standing and the minister says)

Dearly beloved we have gathered here in the presence of God and before this Congregation to join together **Gideon Okon Bassey** and **Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu** 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.

This Holy estate, Christ adorned and beautified with His presence, and the first miracle that He wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended in Holy writ to be honourable among all men ; and therefore it is not to be enterprised by any, not taken in hand , unadvisedly, lightly nor wantonly to satisfy men's carnal lusts and appetite like brute beast that have no understanding,

but reverently , discreetly, advisedly, soberly and in the fear of God , duly considering the causes for which Matrimony was ordained.

FIRSTLY: Marriage was ordained for companionship, mutual society, help and comfort which the husband and wife ought to have for each other in all circumstances.

SECONDLY: Marriage was ordained for protection against sin, for avoidance of all sexual immorality such as those who have not the rare gift of celibacy might marry, and keep themselves undefiled members of Christ's body.

THIRDLY: Marriage was ordained for procreation of children to be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord and to the praise of His Holy name.

Into this Holy Estate of Marriage, **Gideon Okon Bassey** and **Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu** come now to be joined. Therefore, if any man can show any just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let him now speak or else hereafter, forever hold his peace.

4. Charge and Declaration

(The Congregation may be seated, the groom unveils the bride, and the Priest says to the persons to be married)

Gideon Okon Bassey and **Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu** I require and charge you both as you shall answer at the dreadful day of judgement, when the secret of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know of any impediment, why you may not be lawfully joined together in Holy Matrimony, you do now confess it. For be you well assured that if any persons are joined together otherwise than God's Word does allow, they are not united by the Lord, neither is their Matrimony lawful.

The Man shall say:

I do truthfully declare that I know not of any reason why I, **Gideon Okon Bassey** may not be joined in Holy Matrimony to **Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu**.

The Woman shall say:

I do truthfully declare that I know not of any reason why I, **Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu** may not be joined in Holy Matrimony to **Gideon Okon Bassey**

(If no impediment be alleged, then shall the Priest say unto the man)

Gideon Okon Bassey, will you have **Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu** to be your wedded wife, to live together according to God's ordinance in the Holy estate of Marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honour her and keep her in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, cleave only to her, as long as you both shall live?

The Man shall answer: I WILL IN JESUS NAME

The Priest shall ask the woman:

Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu, will you have **Gideon Okon Bassey** to be your wedded husband, to live together according to God's ordinance in the Holy estate of Marriage? Will you love him? comfort him, honour him and keep him in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, cleave only to him, as long as you both shall live?

The Woman shall answer: I WILL IN JESUS NAME

5. Hymn (CRHB 715): O God, Whose Loving Hand Has Led

1. O GOD Whose loving hand has led
Thy children to this joyous day,
We pray that Thou wilt bless them now
As, one in Thee, they face life's way
2. Grant them the will to follow Christ
Who graced the feast in Galilee,
And through His perfect life of love
Fulfilment of their love to see.
3. Give them the power to make a home
Where peace and honour shall abide,
Where Christ shall be the gracious Head,
The trusted Friend, the constant Guide.
4. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom heaven and earth adore,
Be glory, as it was of old,
Is now, and shall be evermore. Amen

John Boyd Moore

6. Solemnization

The Congregation remains standing and the Priest shall ask:

- (i) Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

The father of the bride or the representative of the family comes out and hands over the bride to the Priest and says: I DO

The Priest, receiving the woman from her father's hand shall cause the man with his right hand to take the woman by her right hand and the Bridegroom facing his Bride shall say as follows:

- (ii) I, **Gideon Okon Bassey** before God and these witnesses take you **Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu** to be my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until we are parted by death according to God's holy law. This is my solemn vow.

They lose hands and then the Bride facing the Bridegroom, holding him by his right hand shall say as follows:

- (iii) I, **Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu**, before God and these witnesses take you **Gideon Okon Bassey** to be my lawful wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death according to God's holy law. This is my solemn vow.

The Priest shall ask:

What token do you share to represent your love and commitment to each other?

The Priest receives the ring(s), holding up the rings he says:

- (iv) The ring is a symbol of wholeness and perfection; it is made of gold which is a precious and durable metal, what better representation of your feelings for each other?

Then he prays:

Heavenly Father, by your blessing, let these rings be to **Gideon Okon Bassey** and **Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu** 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.

The Bridegroom places the ring on the fourth finger of the Bride's left hand and holding it there, he says:

- (v) I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you, all that I am, I give to you: and all that I have, I share with you, within the love of God, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

They lose hands and the Bride places the ring on the fourth finger of the Bridegroom's left hand, and holding it there she says:

I give you this ring as a token of my love and fidelity to you, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Then the Bride and the Bridegroom shall kneel and the priest prays as follows:

- (vi) Eternal God, Creator and preserver of all mankind, giver of all spiritual grace and the Author of everlasting life. Send your blessings upon **Gideon Okon Bassey** and **Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu** whom we bless in Your name that living faithfully together they may perform and keep the vow and covenant they have made, of which these rings given and received are a token and pledge, and may they ever remain in perfect love and peace together, living in perfect harmony according to Your laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now that **Gideon Okon Bassey** and **Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu** have given their consent and made their vows to each other before God and this Congregation, with the joining of hands and the giving of rings I declare that they are husband and wife in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Amen).

The Priest joins their right hand together, and says:

Those, whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder, Amen.

The Priest then says to the parents

- (vii) As **Gideon Okon Bassey** and **Gift Amarachi Nwogwugwu** enter a new life together, will you their parents give them your blessings in the presence of this Congregation?

The Parents say to the couple: May God bless you both in Jesus name. Amen.

The Priest shall ask the congregation:

- (viii) You as friends and families have come to witness this exchange of vows. Will you do all in your power to support this marriage now and in the years ahead?

The congregation shall say: We will in Jesus name. Amen.

The congregation shall remain standing, the Couple kneel and the priest blesses them:

- (ix) God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you both in body and soul, living together in faith and love, may you receive the blessings of eternal life. Amen.

7. Psalm 128

1. Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord; who walks in His ways.
2. You will eat the fruit of your labour; happy shall you be and all shall go well with you.
3. Your wife within your house; shall be as fruitful vine. Your children around your table like the fresh shoots of the Olive.
4. Behold thus shall the man be blessed: who fears the Lord.
5. May the Lord so bless you from Zion; that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life
6. Yes, you will see your children's children and pace upon Israel.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now; and ever shall be world without end. AMEN

8. Prayer for the Couple

9. HYMN (CRHB 586): God Give Us Christian Homes

1. GOD, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the Bible is loved and taught,
Homes where the Master's will is sought,
Homes crowned with beauty Thy love hath wrought;
God, give us Christian homes;
God, give us Christian homes!
2. God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the father is true and strong,
Homes that are free from the blight of wrong,
Homes that are joyous with love and song;
God, give us Christian homes;
God, give us Christian homes!
3. God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the mother, in queenly quest,
Strives to show others Thy way is best,
Homes where the Lord is an honoured guest;
God, give us Christian homes;
God, give us Christian homes!
4. God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the children are led to know
Christ in His beauty Who loves them so,
Homes where the altar fires burn and glow;
God, give us Christian homes;

God, give us Christian homes!

B.B. McKinney (1886-1952)

10. Message

11. Hymn (CRHB 716): O Perfect Love

1. O PERFECT Love, all human thought transcending,
Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne,
That theirs may be the love which knows no ending,
Whom Thou for evermore dost join in one.
2. O perfect Life, be Thou their full assurance
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,
Of patient hope, and quiet brave endurance,
With childlike trust that fears nor pain nor death.
3. Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow,
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife;
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow
That dawns upon eternal love and life. Amen

Dorothy Frances Gurney (1858-1932)

12. Closing Prayer and Benediction

Almighty God, who has drawn these Thy servants together in the bond of natural affection, grant them wisdom, self- mastery and pure devotion in the ordering of their common life that each may be, to the other, a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow and a companion in every joy. And so knit their will together in Thy kingdom in which love is the fulfilling of the law through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Unto God's most gracious mercy and protection we commit you; the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up the light of His favour upon you and give you peace both now and forever more. AMEN

13. Presentation of the Couple to the Congregation

With the couple facing the congregation the Priest then says: Brothers and Sisters, I am happy to present to you **Pastor & Mrs. Gideon Okon Bassey**

14. Signing of Marriage Register – Choir Ministration

15. Thanksgiving – Praise Team

16. Announcements

17. Recessional Hymn (CRHB 521): Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer

1. GUIDE me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow:
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs and praises,
I will ever give to Thee.

William Williams (1716-1796)
Tr. Peter Williams (1723-1796)
and others.