

*In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



## **The Declaration of Intention**

*In accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church*

We, desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church,  
do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of two persons  
as it is set forth in the liturgical forms authorized by this Church.

We believe that marriage is intended by God for our mutual joy,  
for the encouragement and support given one another in daily life and changing circumstances,  
for the deepening of faith as we experience God's love in our love for one another,  
and (if it may be) the physical and spiritual nurture of children.

We believe such relationships are nurtured and characterized  
by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect,  
careful, honest communication, and the holy love  
which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God.

And we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this  
relationship and to seek God's help thereto.

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