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ORDER OF MARRIAGE BLESSING

Omolara and Oluwatobi

Saturday, 26 December 2026 · 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Mellor Methodist Cathedral, Agbowa, Sagamu

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Beginning

The blessing of the marriage of

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I Orin Akowole – IOM 9

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – MHB 12

YORÙBÁ	ENGLISH
1. Okan mi, yin Oba orun, M' ore re wa s' odo Re; 'Wo t' a wosan t' a dariji, Tal' o ba ha yin bi Re? Yin Oluwa, Yin Oba ainipekun.	**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. Yin fun anu Re si awon Baba wa, n'nu 'ponju won; Yin I, okanna ni titi, O lora lati binu; Yin Oluwa, Ologo n'nu otito.	**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. Bi baba ni o ntoju wa, O si mo ailera wa; Jeje l' O ngbe wa l' apa Re, O ngba wa lowo ota; Yin Oluwa, Anu Re yi aiye ka.	**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. Enyin angel', e juba Re; Enyin nri lojukoju; Orun, Osupa, e wole, Ati gbogbo egbaiye, E ba wa yin, Olorun Olor'ofe.	**4.** Angels in the height, 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. Amen.



2 Eredi Ipejopo

PURPOSE OF GATHERING

YORÙBÁ

Enyin ara olufe, a pejo lati se eleri ibukun Olorun Olodumare sori igbeyawo ti a ti ni ile ise igbeyawo ti ijoba laarin **Nurudeen Oluwatobi** ati **Omolara Adebimpe**, ti won wa si ihinyi gege bi omo-lehin Jesu Kristi Oluwa wa, lati jewo igbagbo won ninu awon ofin igbeyawo ati lati wa ibukun Olorun sori idapo won. A pejo sihin yi lati se eleri eje won, ati lati bukun won ni oruko Olorun.

Eyi ni oro Oluwa wa Jesu Kristi nipa igbeyawo: *'Lati atetekose ni Olorun da won ati ako ati abo. Nitori idi eyi ni okunrin yio se fi baba ati iya re sile, yio si fi ara mo aya re. Awon mejeji yio si di ara kan.'* Nitorinaa nwon ki ise meji mo bikose ara kan. Eniti Olorun ba ti so po, ki enikeni mase ya won.

ENGLISH

Dearly beloved, we are gathered to witness the blessing of God Almighty upon the marriage already solemnised at the court registry between **Nurudeen Oluwatobi** and **Omolara Adebimpe**, who are here in this sanctuary as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, to confess their faith in His commandment on marriage, to accept the ordinance of marriage and to receive the blessing of God upon their union. We are gathered here to witness their vows and the pronouncement of God's blessing upon them.

These are the words of our Lord Jesus Christ on marriage: *'From the beginning God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one.'* So they are no longer two, but one. What God has joined together, let no man put asunder.



Ninu ile, awon omo-ehin Re si bi I lere nipa nkan yi. O si wi fun won pe, enikeni ti o ba ko aya re sile, ti o si gbe omiran ni iyawo, se pansaga si i. Bi obirin ba si ko oko re sile, ti a si gbe e ni iyawo fun elomiran, on se pansaga.

In the house, His disciples asked Him about this. And He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

Nipa ofin yi ni o ye ki awon eniyan Ijo Kristi se eto igbesi aiye won, ki nwon ki o le ma wu Eniti o pe won sodo ara Re, ati sinu arole gbogbo awon ti a ti wenumo.

It is by this Christian standard that everyone is expected to order his or her life, so that their lives may be pleasing to God, who has called and sanctified them.

3 Adura ati Adura Oluwa

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Baba wa ti mbe li orun, ki a bowo fun oruko Re. Ki ijoba Re de. Ife tire ni ki a se, bi ti orun, beni li aiye. Fun wa li onje ojo wa loni. Dari gbese wa ji wa, bi awa ti ndari ji awon onigbese wa. Ma si fa wa sinu idewo, sugbon gba wa lowo bilisi. Nitori ijoba ni tire, ati agbara, ati ogo, lailai. Amin.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



4 Orin – IOM 494

HYMN – MHB 702

YORÙBÁ

1. Kristi n' ipile wa,
Lori Re l' ao kole;
Awon mimo nikan
L' o ngb' agbala orun;
Ife nla Re l' a gbokanle,
F' ore aiye ati t' orun.

2. Agbala mimo yi
Y' o ho f' orin iyin;
Ao korin iyin si
Metalokan mimo;
Be l' ao f' orin ayo kede
Oruko ni, titi aiye.

3. Olorun Olore,
Fiyesini nihin;
Gb' eje atokanwa,
Fetis' ohun ebe;
K' a si f' opo 'bukun dahun
Adura wa nigbagbogbo.

4. Jek' ore-ofe Re
Ti a ntoro nihin
Bo s' ori wa lekan,
Tit' ojo na t' ao se akojo
Awon mimo aib' isimi.

ENGLISH

1. Christ is our corner-stone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled;
On His great love our hopes we place
Of present grace and joys above.

2. O then with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim in joyful song,
Both loud and long, that glorious
name.

3. Here, gracious God, do Thou
For evermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow,
And mark each suppliant sigh;
In copious shower on all who pray
Each holy day Thy blessings pour.

4. Here may we gain from heaven
The grace which we implore;
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore,
Until that day when all the blest
To endless rest are called away. Amen.



5 Ibeere ati Idahun

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND AFFIRMATION

Nurudeen Oluwatobi, niwon igbati o ti gba **Omolara Adebimpe** gege bi aya re, nje iwo se ileri wipe e o jo ma gbe po gege bi eto ati ilana mimo ti Olorun?

Nurudeen Oluwatobi, inasmuch as you have accepted **Omolara Adebimpe** as your wife, do you promise that both of you shall live together in accordance with God's holy order?

Omolara Adebimpe, nje iwo gba **Nurudeen Oluwatobi** gege bi oko re?

Omolara Adebimpe, do you receive **Nurudeen Oluwatobi** as your husband?

IDAHUN: EMI O SEE

RESPONSE: I WILL

ALUFA YOO BEERE LOWO OKO

Nje iwo **Nurudeen Oluwatobi**, yoo fee, yoo maa tu ninu, maa bu ola fun, maa dabo boo, ati wipe iwo yoo ko awon elomiiran sile, iwo yoo si se oloto sii titi igba ti eyin mejeji yoo jo wa laye?

IDAHUN: EMI O SEE

THE MINISTER ASKS THE GROOM

Will you, **Nurudeen Oluwatobi**, love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

RESPONSE: I WILL

ALUFA YOO BEERE LOWO IYAWO

Nje iwo **Omolara Adebimpe**, yoo fee, maa tu ninu, maa bu ola fun, iwo si ma se ike re, ati wipe iwo yoo ko awon elomiiran sile, iwo yoo si se oloto si titi igba ti eyin mejeji yoo jumo wa laye?

IDAHUN: EMI O SEE

THE MINISTER ASKS THE BRIDE

Will you, **Omolara Adebimpe**, love him, comfort him, honour and cherish him, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

RESPONSE: I WILL



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EFESU / EPHESIANS 5:31

“Awon mejeji yio si di ara kan.”

“And the two shall become one.”



TWO HEARTS

One *covenant*







"Two are better than one … and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

ECCLESIASTES 4:9, 12

6 Yiya Oruka si Mimo

BLESSING AND REDEDICATION OF RINGS

E JE KI A GBADURA

A ya oruka wonyi si mimo, beni a si so won di otun, eyiti nse ami ayeraye ati ododo Olorun. A ya awon eniyan wonyi ti won fi nse edidi eje ati majemu igbepo gege bi oko ati aya ninu Olorun si mimo. Ki ife aisetan ati eyiti ko ni abawon ma je tiwon titi lailai, nipase Jesu Kristi Oluwa wa. Amin.

LET US PRAY

We sanctify these rings and declare them renewed, a symbol of the everlasting faithfulness and righteousness of God. We also sanctify these children of God, who give and receive these rings as a seal of their vows and their covenant as husband and wife. May true and unstained love be their portion for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

7 Fifun ati Gbigba Oruka

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF RINGS

OKO

Pelu oruka yi, mo jeje ife aisetan, mo si gbe iwo **Omolara Adebimpe** ni iyawo mi ni otun, ni oruko Olorun Baba, Omo ati Emi Mimo. Amin.

BRIDEGROOM

With this ring I pledge my unfailing love, and I take you, **Omolara Adebimpe**, afresh as my wife, in the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

IYAWO

Pelu oruka yi, mo jeje ife aisetan, mo si gba iwo **Nurudeen Oluwatobi** ni oko mi ni otun, ni oruko Olorun Baba, Omo ati Emi Mimo. Amin.

BRIDE

With this ring I pledge my unfailing love, and I receive you, **Nurudeen Oluwatobi**, afresh as my husband, in the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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8 Bibukun Igbeyawo

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE



YORÙBÁ

Ni oruko Olorun Baba, Omo ati Emi Mimo. Amin. Olorun, lodo eniti ire gbogbo ti nwa, Iwo nikan ni orisun iye ayeraye. Bukun toko-taya **Nurudeen Oluwatobi**. Je ki igbeyawo won je orisun ibukun fun awon elomiran, fun ogo oruko Olorun. Bukun won ki won ni eso awon omo rere, ki ayo, alafia ati itura ki o ma ba won gbe lati isin yi lo ati laelae. Amin.

ENGLISH

In the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. O God, from whom all blessings flow, You alone are the source of everlasting life. Bless this couple, **Mr and Mrs Nurudeen Oluwatobi**. Let their marriage be a source of blessing to many others, for the glory of Your name. Bless them, O Lord, with the fruit of good children, and let joy, peace and rest abide with them from this service and for evermore. Amen.

O & O

9 Eko Kika – Efesu 5:21–33

SCRIPTURE READING – EPHESIANS 5:21–33

YORÙBÁ

21 E ma teriba fun ara nyin ni iberu Olorun.

22 Enyin aya, e ma teriba fun awon oko nyin, gege bi ofin Oluwa.

23 Nitoripe oko ni ise ori aya, gege bi Kristi ti se ori ijo enia re: on si ni Olugbala ara.

24 Nitorina gege bi ijo ti teriba fun Kristi, be si ni ki awon aya ki o ma se si oko won li ohun gbogbo.

25 Enyin oko, e feran awon aya nyin, gege bi Kristi si ti feran ijo, ti o si fi ara re fun u;

26 Ki on ki o le so o di mimo lehin ti a ti fi oro we e mo ninu agbada omi.

27 Ki on ki o le mu u wa sodo ara re bi ijo ti o li ogo, li aini abawon, tabi alebu kan, tabi iru nkan bawonni; sugbon ki o le je mimo ati alaini abuku.

ENGLISH

21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church, His body, and is Himself its Saviour.

24 As the Church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her,

26 that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

27 that He might present the Church to Himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.



YORÙBÁ	ENGLISH
28 Beli o to ki awon okunrin ki o ma feran awon aya won gege bi ara awon tikarawon. Eniti o ba feran aya re, o feran on tikarare.	28 Even so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.
29 Nitori ko si enikan ti o ti korira ara re; bikosepe ki o ma bo o, ki o si ma sike re, gege bi Kristi si ti nse si ijo.	29 For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ does the Church,
30 Nitoripe awa li eya-ara re, ati ti eran-ara re, ati ti egungun ara re.	30 because we are members of His body.
31 Nitori eyi li okunrin yio se fi baba ati iya re sile, on o si dapo mo aya re, awon mejeji a si di ara kan.	31 “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”
32 Asiri nla li eyi, sugbon emi nso nipa ti Kristi ati ti ijo.	32 This mystery is a profound one, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the Church.
33 Sugbon ki olukuluku nyin ki o feran aya re be gege bi on tikarare; ki aya ki o si beru oko re.	33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



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IO Orin – Fun wa n'ile Onigbagbo

HYMN – GOD, GIVE US CHRISTIAN HOMES

ORE IDAGBASOKE · DEVELOPMENT FUND

YORÙBÁ	ENGLISH
1. Fun wa n'le onigbagbo Ile ti a nkeko Bibeli Ile ti a nlepa 'fe Baba Taf' ewa ife re de lade Fun wa n'le onzigbagbo Fun wa n'le onigbagbo	**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. Fun wa n'le onigbagbo Nibi ti Baba j'olotito Ile t'o t' akete si ibi Ile t'o kun f'ayo 'fe at' orin Fun wa n'le onigbagbo Fun wa n'le onigbagbo	**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 songs, God, give us Christian homes; God, give us Christian homes;
3. Fun wa n'le onigbagbo 'Le t'iya nsise b;oba Obinrin Fihan p'ona re lo dara ju Ile ti ngba Jesu l'alejo Fun wa n'le onigbagbo Fun wa n'le onigbagbo	**3.** God, give us Christian homes; Homes where the mother in queen quest Strives to show other, Thy way is best Homes the Lord is an honoured guest. God, give us Christian homes God, give us Christian homes
4. Fun wa n'le onigbagbo Ile ti an nto awon omodew L'ati mo Kristi t'o feran won Ile t'ina adura tin jo Fun wa n'le onigbagbo Fun wa n'le onigbagbo	**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



To close the service

And then we *give thanks*

11 **Iwaasu**
SERMON

12 **Fifi Owo si Iwe Igbeyawo**
SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

13 **Idupe**
THANKSGIVING

14 **Orin Adako**
ANTHEM

15 **Fifi Iwe Eri fun Oko ati Iyawo**
PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE TO THE COUPLE

16 **Ifilo**
NOTICES

17 **Adura ati Ibukun**
PRAYER AND BENEDICTION



O & O

18 Orin Akojade – IOM 459

RECESSIONAL HYMN – MHB 611

YORÙBÁ	ENGLISH
1. Ma toju wa, Baba orun, Larin damu aiye ye; Pa wa mo, k'o si ma bo wa, Akon'iranwo miran; Sugbon gbogbo 'bukun l'ani, B'Olorun je Baba wa.	**1.** Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us O'er the world's tempestuous sea; Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, For we have no help but Thee; Yet possessing every blessing, If our God our Father be.
2. Olugbala, dariji wa, Wo sa mo ailera wa; Wo ti rin aiye saju wa, Wo ti mo se inu re; B'eni 'kanu at' alare, L'o la aginju yi ja.	**2.** Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; All our weakness Thou dost know; Thou didst tread this earth before us, Thou didst feel its keenest woe; Lone and dreary, faint and weary, Through the desert Thou didst go.
3. Emi Olorun, sokale, F'ayo orun k'okan wa; K'ife dapo mo iya wa, At' adun ti ki su ni; B'a ba pese fun wa bayi, Kini le mi 'simi wa?	**3.** Spirit of our God, descending, Fill our hearts with heavenly joy, Love with every passion blending, Pleasure that can never cloy; Thus provided, pardoned, guided, Nothing can our peace destroy. Amen.



OMOLARA & OLUWATOBI

TRADITIONAL WEDDING CEREMONY ORDER OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 26, 2026





1 FAMILY ENTRANCES

Both families enter to the sound of dancing and talking drums as introductions are made.

2 PROPOSAL LETTER

A letter is written from Oluwatobi's family, usually by the head, of the family, stating their son's intentions for the bride, Omolara.



3 KIKA LETTER

A sibling from Omolara's family comes forward to read the "acceptance letter," which is a response to the proposal letter" that was read earlier from Oluwatobi's family.





4 GROOM'S ENTRANCE

The groom, Oluwatobi, with his groomsmen make their entrance with their filas removed as a sign of respect for Omolara's family.



5 IDOBALE (PROSTRATE)

The groom, Oluwatobi, supported by his groomsmen, prostrates on the floor as a sign of respect for elders. This is how Oluwatobi pleads for the hand of Omolara.

6 BRIDE ENTRANCE

The bride, Omolara, enters, accompanied by her bridesmaids and friends. She is ushered in with singing, dancing, and great cheering.

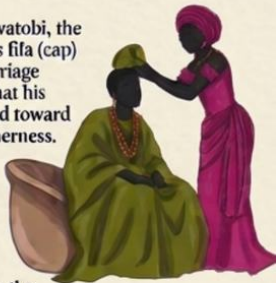
7 THE VEIL

The bride, Omolara, wears a veil completely to hide her face from everyone – this signifies modesty. Once she reaches her family, the stands with her mother under the veil and is prayed for before going over to her in-laws.



8 PLACING OF HAT

Upon reaching her husband, Oluwatobi, the bride, Omolara, places the groom's fila (cap) on his head to signify that the marriage proposal has been accepted and that his status has changed. His cap is tilted toward the bride to symbolize their togetherness.



9 ERU IYAWO

This is a token of appreciation for the family of Omolara for raising her well. It is improper for Oluwatobi to take Omolara from her family empty-handed. Only two people gave birth but the whole community raised the child.
So these are gifts for the family.



10 DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

In Yoruba culture, a live band traditionally performs to entertain the couple and their guests through praise-singing of the greats and celebrants. Notes are sprayed to show appreciation.





Omolara

and

Oluwatobi

Saturday, 26 December 2026 · Sagamu, Ogun State

Thank you for your love, your prayers and for celebrating with us.

THE FAMILIES OF MABAWONKU AND AKANNI