

FAVOUR & ONORIODE

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**COUPLE**

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THE SOLEMNIZATION OF HOLY  
MATRIMONY BETWEEN



*Favour* OGEFERE  
&  
*Onoriode* BALETA

**DATE:**

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 2026

TIME: 10.00AM

**VENUE:**

@CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR GRACE ASSEMBLY  
Beside Ray Guest, Ujevwu.

**OFFICIATING MINISTERS:**

PROPHET U.J. ORUOGHO

PASTOR M.A. OSARO

PASTOR DICKSON MIKAYA

PASTOR VICTOR AMAGADA

**RECEPTION:**

@T-NERO'S PLACE

D.S.C Flyover Road Opp Mkv Gas Plant Or De-Avila  
Hotel & Suits

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## 1. PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 1 (Bridal March)

### I'm Pressing on the Upward Way

1. I'm pressing on the upward way,  
New heights I'm gaining every day;  
Still praying as I'm upward bound,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."  
Chorus: Lord, lift me up and let me stand,  
By faith, on heaven's tableland,  
A higher plane than I have found;  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.  
2. My heart has no desire to stay  
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Tho' some may dwell where these abound,  
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.  
3. I want to live above the world,  
Tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught the joyful sound,  
The song of saints on higher ground.  
4. I want to scale the utmost height,  
And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,  
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

## 2. EXHORTATION

*(The congregation remains standing as the bride and  
bridegroom stand before the minister)*

**Minister:** "We have come together in the presence of God to witness and to celebrate the marriage of Favour and Onoriode, to ask His blessing on them, and to share in their joy. Our Lord Jesus Christ was Himself a guest at a wedding in Cana of Galilee and blessed this way of life, and through His Spirit, He is with us now. Scripture teaches us that marriage is a gift of God in creation and a means of His grace, a holy mystery in which man and woman become one flesh. It is God's purpose that, as husband and wife give themselves to each other in love throughout their lives, they shall be united in their love as Christ is united with His church.

Marriage is given primarily that husband and wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty, in sorrow and in joy. It is also given that with delight and tenderness, they may know each other in love, and through the joy of their bodily union, may strengthen the union of their hearts & their lives. Lastly, it is given that they may have children and be blessed in caring for them and bringing them up in accordance with God's will, praise, & glory

In marriage, husband and wife belong to one another, and are linked to each other's family as they begin a new life together in the community. This is a way of life that all should honor, and it must not be undertaken carelessly, lightly, or selfishly, but reverently, responsibly, and after serious thought. Into this way of life, Favour and Onoriode come now to be joined. If anyone of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, you must now declare it or forever remain silent."

*(If there is no impediment declared, the minister  
continues)*

## Part 2: The Charge & Vows

### 3. CHARGE AND DECLARATION

**Minister:** "Favour and Onoriode, the vows you are about to take are to be made in the name of God. I charge you both, as you will answer before God who is the judge of all and who knows all the secrets of our hearts, that if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now. "

*(If there is no impediment, the Minister continues)*

**Onoriode:** I, Onoriode, hereby declare before God and this congregation that I know not any lawful impediment why I may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony to Favour.

**Favour:** I, Favour, hereby declare before God and this congregation that I know not any lawful impediment why I may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony to Onoriode.

*(Stand)*

**Minister:** *(To the Bridegroom)* Onoriode, of your own free choice, will you take Favour to be your wife?

**Bridegroom:** I WILL.

**Minister:** Will you love her, comfort her, honor and protect her, in sickness and in health, in poverty and prosperity, and forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both live?

**Bridegroom:** I WILL.

**Minister:** *(To the Bride)* Favour, of your own free choice, will you take Onoriode to be your husband?

**Bridegroom:** I WILL.

**Minister:** Will you love her, comfort her, honor and protect her, in sickness and in health, in poverty and prosperity, and forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both live?

**Bridegroom:** I WILL.

**Minister:** (To the Bride) Favour, of your own free choice, will you take Onoriode to be your husband?

**Bride:** I WILL.

**Minister:** Will you love him, comfort him, honor and protect him, obey and serve him in sickness and in health, in poverty and prosperity, and forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

**Bride:** I WILL.

#### 4. HYMN NO. 2 (A&M 217)

##### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

2. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, who from His altar call;

Extol the stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all!

3. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, a remnant weak and small,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

4. Ye Gentile sinners, ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall;

Go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all!

5. Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

#### Part 3: The Joining & Blessing

##### 5. THE MARRIAGE

**Minister:** Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

*(The Bride's father or family representative hands over the bride to the Minister. The minister causes the couple to take each other by the right hand).*

**Onoriode:** I, Onoriode, take you, Favour, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better or worse, for richer or 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 loose hands. The Bride takes the Groom's right hand).*

**Favour:** I, Favour, take you, Onoriode, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better or worse, for richer or 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 loose hands).*

**Minister:** And what token do you share to represent your love and commitment to each other?

*(The minister receives the rings).*

**Minister:** The ring is the 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!

Heavenly Father, by your blessing, let these rings be to Favour and Onoriode 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).*

**Onoriode:** Favour, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honor you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*(The bride places the ring on the fourth finger of the bridegroom's left hand).*

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

*(The bride and groom kneel while the congregation stands).*

**Minister:** Eternal God, creator and preserver of all, giver of spiritual grace and author of everlasting life, send your blessing upon Favour and Onoriode whom we bless in your name.

That living faithfully together, they may fulfill the vow and covenant they have made, of which the rings given and received are a token and pledge. May they ever remain in perfect love and peace together and live according to your laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Now that Favour and Onoriode have given their consent and made their vows to each other before God and this congregation, with the joining of hands and giving and receiving of rings, in the name of God I declare that they are husband and wife.

*(The minister joins their right hands together).*

**Minister:** Those whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder.

**Minister's Blessing:** God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord pour upon you the riches of His grace that you may faithfully live together and receive the blessing of eternal life. Amen.

**Minister:** (To the parents) As Favour and Onoriode enter a new life together, will you, their parents, give them your blessing in the presence of this congregation?

**Parents:** May God bless and prosper you both.

**Minister:** (To the congregation) As you, friends and families who 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?

**Congregation:** WE WILL.

## 6. THE ACCLAMATION

*(The parents of the groom or their representative move forward).*

**Minister:** In the name of God and in the presence of this congregation, we hand over Favour and Onoriode, now Mr. & Mrs. Baleta Onoriode Okolobi, to you as full members of your family. Will you promise on behalf of your family to continue to uphold them in your prayers and give them your moral support?

**Parents of the Groom:** We promise in the name of God.

**Minister:** Eternal God, creator and sustainer of us all, give your grace to the family of Mr. & Mrs. Baleta Onoriode Okolobi, and grant them that in the years ahead they may be united in your love,

and in the strength of the Holy Spirit, they may live together in the joy and peace of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Part 4: The Word & Sermon

### 7. THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### A. Psalm 128

1. Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways.
  2. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.
  3. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.
  4. Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.
  5. May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem,
  6. And may you live to see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel.
- 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.

#### B. The Only Lesson (Ephesians 5:21-33) *(Read by the Bridegroom)*

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body.

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

### 8. HYMN NO. 3

#### **Go, My Children, With My Blessing**

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.

2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story; you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

4. I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;

### 9. SERMON

#### **Part 5: Prayers, Thanksgiving & Benediction**

### 10. HYMN NO. 4

#### **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 forevermore 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 not pain nor death.

### 11. PRAYERS

**Minister:** Almighty and most merciful God, the

strength of all who put their trust in you, we pray that as you have brought Favour and Onoriode together by your providence, so you will enrich them by your grace. May they truly and faithfully perform those vows which they have made to one another in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God of Love, look mercifully upon Mr. & Mrs. Baleta Onoriode Okolobi in their new life which they begin together this day. Unite them evermore in your love, keep them with every good gift, and let your peace, which surpasses all human understanding, be with them now and always, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Heavenly Father, we thank you that in our earthly lives you speak to us of your eternal life. We pray that through their marriage, Mr. & Mrs. Baleta Onoriode Okolobi may know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### 12. THANKSGIVING

### 13. CLOSING PRAYER / BENEDICTION

*(The Couple kneels and prays together)*

**The Couple:** Almighty and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and in the works of your commandments, that through your most mighty protection both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

O God our Father, we thank you for uniting our lives and for giving us to each other in the fulfillment of love. Watch over us at all times, guide and protect us, give us faith and patience as we hold each other's hands in yours, every moment of every day and night; and may we draw strength from you and from each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Minister:** O God our Father, who by His holy apostle has taught us that love is the fulfillment of the law, grant to your servants Favour and Onoriode that, loving each other, they may continue in your love unto their lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit you; the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and give you peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

### 14. SIGNING OF MARRIAGE REGISTER

### 15. RECESSION ( WITHDRAWAL )

# ORDER OF *Reception*



# FAVOUR & ONORIODE LOVE STORY



*We first met at a wedding party in 2013. He approached me first. He saw a beautiful girl and didn't want to miss his opportunity. We exchanged contacts and stayed in touch.*

*We started out as friends, and later he asked me to be his girlfriend. That was when our love story officially began.*

*Along the way, our baby girl came into our lives. Our bundle of joy arrived on December 22nd, 2018. She was everything we ever wanted, and she completed us.*

*Fast forward to today here we are, still strong, still together, 12 years later.*

## LONG STORY SHORT



FIRST MET  
2013



FIRST CHILD  
2018

## OUR EVER AFTER

**12** years of love  
loved you then, love you  
still, love you forever





# menu

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## Starter

Small Chops, Kpomo Sauce, Salad, Moi Moi

## Main

### **Rice Selection**

Jollof Rice, Fried Rice, Basmati Rice, Jamaican Rice,  
Banga Rice, Coconut Rice

### **Traditional Soups**

Bitter Leaf Soup, Owho Soup

### **Swallow & Sides**

Eba, Starch, Yam, Plantain

## Drinks

Water, Palmwine, Cocktails

# WHO KNOWS THE COUPLE BEST?

*Tick (✓) the answer you think is correct!*

	FAVOUR	ONORIODE
Who said "I love you" first?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Who is more dramatic?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Who spends more money?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Who is always late?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Who is the better cook?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Who apologizes first after an argument?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Who is the better dancer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Who made the first move?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Who said "Let's get married" first?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## COLOURS FOR THE DAY



## THE DREAM TEAM

### Bridal Train

Justygold (*Chief Bridesmaid*)

Flourish

Priscilla

Sarah

Zino

Glory

Rita

Little Bridesmaid

Mega Baleta

### Groomsmen

Jeffery (*Bestman*)

Onyenka

Eko Sylva

Meru

Connect

Dennis

Michael

Ceejay

Little Groom

Ryan Azeez



# # FO LOVE PATH

Favour & Onoriode just tied the knot! Their journey as one has begun. Follow the maze carefully and help the newlyweds reach the start of their forever!



ITTY YOURS

# WORD SEARCH



Search for the words that mean forever



**FAVOUR**

**ONORIODE**

**LOVE**

**FOREVER**

**WEDDING**

**RING**

**FAMILY**

**UNITY**

**FAITH**

**HOME**



# WE APPRECIATE YOU!

*We give all the glory to God for making this day  
a success.*

*To our parents, families, friends, and well-  
wishers, thank you for your prayers, support,  
presence, and generous gifts. We truly  
appreciate you.*

*To everyone who contributed in making this  
wedding beautiful, we say a big thank you.*

*May God bless you all richly, and thank you for  
celebrating love with us.*

**— MR & MRS BALETA**



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