



James M. Hunnicutt (9341)
DOLOWITZ HUNNICUTT & GIBBS
6465 S. 3000 E., Ste. 108
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121
Phone (801) 535-4340
jim@dolowitzhunnicutt.com
Attorney for Respondent

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
SALT LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH
450 South State St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

In the matter of the marriage of	DECREE OF DIVORCE
CATHERINE BISHOP,	(BIFURCATED)
Petitioner,	Civil No. 224901386 CL
and	The Honorable Charles Stormont
TIMOTHY KEMPLE,	Commissioner Michelle Blomquist
Respondent.	

This matter came before the Court for a hearing on March 20, 2026, the Honorable Charles Stormont presiding, to address Respondent's *Motion for Bifurcation* (Dkt. 463). Petitioner Catherine Bishop was present and was represented by her counsel of record Lacey M. Whimpey. Respondent Timothy Kemple was present and was represented by his counsel of record, James M. Hunnicutt. Based on the proffers and oral argument from counsel, the briefing submitted by each party, and the Court otherwise being fully advised in the premises, for good cause appearing does hereby ORDER, ADJUDGE, and DECREE as follows:

1. Jurisdiction. Each party was a bona fide resident of Salt Lake County, Utah for all of the 90 days immediately preceding the commencement of this action. The parties' two minor children lived in Salt Lake County, Utah for all of the six months immediately preceding the commencement of this action. Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court.

2. Divorce. The parties are hereby granted a divorce, hereby severing the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the parties, effective immediately upon entry of this Decree of Divorce. Immediately upon entry of this Decree of Divorce, the parties are hereby restored to their prior status as single, separate, unmarried persons.

3. Grounds. Divorce is granted on the grounds of irreconcilable differences.

4. Marriage Information. Pursuant to the *Order Recognizing Legal and Valid Marriage*, entered herein on October 2, 2024, the Court found that the parties entered into an unsolemnized marriage starting in 2013 or 2014.

5. All Other Issues Reserved. This bifurcated Decree of Divorce only severs the bonds of matrimony, and leaves all other matters reserved for future settlement or resolution by the Court. Other than the issue of marital status, all other issues between the parties in this case are reserved for trial. All other temporary and interim orders remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDERED.

The Court's Stamp & Signature Appear at the Top of Page 1 of this Document.

Approved as to form:

/s/ Lacey M. Whimpey, e-signed by Jim Hunnicutt with permission granted by Ms. Whimpey via email dated 3 Apr. 2026
Lacey M. Whimpey, Attorney for Petitioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of this proposed *Decree of Divorce (Bifurcated)* was served upon the following person(s) on this date via e-filing:

Lacey M. Whimpey

Aaron R. Harris
SMITH, LC
lwhimpey@smith-lc.com
aharris@smith-lc.com
Attorneys for Petitioner
Served via e-filing

Virginia Sudbury
LOVS
virginia@lovs.biz
Private Guardian ad Litem
Served via e-filing

DATED this 20th day of April, 2026.

/s/ James M. Hunnicutt
James M. Hunnicutt
Attorney for Respondent