

Traditional Wedding

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here together, in the presence of these witnesses, to join together this man, (groom) and this woman, (bride), in holy matrimony, which is an honorable estate, instituted of God, and signifying unto us the mystical union which exists between man and woman. It is therefore not entered into unadvisedly, but reverently and discreetly. Into this holy estate these two persons come now to be joined. If anyone can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

Who gives this woman to be married to this man? ***Her mother and I do.***

I require and charge you both, as you stand in the presence of these witnesses, before whom the secrets of all hearts are disclosed, that having duly considered the holy covenant you are about to make, you do now declare before this company your pledge of faith, each to the other. Be well assured that if these solemn vows are kept inviolate as God's word demands, and if steadfastly you endeavor to do the will of your heavenly Father, God will please your marriage and will grant you fulfillment in it, and will establish your home in peace.

(Groom), will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health and forsaking all others, keep you only unto her, so long as you both shall live? ***I will.***

(Bride), will you have this man to be your wedded husband, to live together in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health and forsaking all others, keep you only unto him, so long as you both shall live? ***I will***

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful, it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right; love bears all things, believes in all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

(Groom), please repeat after me: ***I, (groom) take thee, (bride) to be my 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, till death do us part and therefore, I pledge my faith to thee.***

(Bride), please repeat after me: ***I, (bride) take thee (groom), to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and I health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, and therefore, I pledge my faith to thee.***

The circle has long been a symbol of love, without beginning or end and with no point of weakness. The circle is a reminder of the eternal quality of love and of unending strength. Thus these rings serve to remind us of the relationship they have with one another. The rings are symbols of covenant and should serve as a reminder of our need to be faithful in all our relationships.

Let us pray for God's blessing upon those who give and receive these rings. We seek a special blessing upon (bride) and (groom) as they give and receive these rings. Let them be ever conscious of your love and faithfulness as they are faithful to one another. Bless them by their love for one another.

(Groom), please repeat after me as you place your gift of a ring upon (bride's) finger:
(Bride), I give you this ring, as a symbol of my love for you. My covenant to be your husband, and to be faithful to you.

(Bride), please repeat after me as you place your gift of a ring upon (groom's) finger:
(Groom), I give you this rings, as a symbol of my love for you. My covenant to be your wife, and to be faithful to you.

For as much as (groom) and (bride) have consented together in holy wedlock and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have pledged their faith each to the other, and have declared the same by joining hands and by giving and receiving rings, I pronounce that they are now husband and wife.

(Groom), you may kiss your bride.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am so pleased to introduce to you for the very first time, Mr.& Mrs. ().