

Wedding Ceremony - Medium Version

Family and Friends, out of affection for (groom) and (bride) we have gathered together to witness and celebrate their marriage. This is a union created by friendship, respect and love.

I ask you both to remember that love and loyalty alone will avail as the foundation of a happy and enduring home. No other human ties are more tender; no other vows more sacred than those that you now assume. If you steadfastly endeavor to live according to the best that is within you, your life together will be full of joy, and the home that you are establishing will abide in peace.

Today, (groom) and (bride) proclaim their love and commitment to each other, and we gather here to rejoice, with and for them, in the new life they now undertake together. Marriage is a sharing of experiences and an adventure in the most intimate of human relationships: a joyous union of two people whose friendship has blossomed into romance.

This is a solemn occasion, and one which should be taken seriously. Marriage has many consequences, both social and personal. Marriage requires love. The type of love that is magical and rare – where another gives to us that rare gift – a piece of ourselves that has been missing. The type of love that makes us feel whole and complete. But, a good marriage takes more than love to make it work. A good marriage also needs trust, dedication and faith. These qualities are not easy to come by. You must trust that you each want the best for each other. You must learn to grow and stay open to each other as you learn. You must have faith in your future together without knowing what the future holds for you.

Marriage is a journey, not a destination. It is the joining of two lives while retaining the uniqueness of two personalities. It is an enriching experience that strengthens both husband and wife and allows them to face the world together.

(Bride) and (groom) do you vow to be life partners, to honor support each other, in health and in sickness, in joy and in sadness, in good times and in bad?

Bride and groom both respond: WE DO.

(Groom), will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together in marriage? Will you love her, comfort her and honor her, as long as you both shall live?

Groom responds: I WILL

(Bride), will you have this man to be your wedded husband, to live together in marriage? Will you love him, comfort him and honor him, as long as you both shall live?

Bride responds: I WILL

Ring Exchange:

These rings are a symbol of the unbroken unity of truth now to be symbolized in your married life. May you wear these rings in love, happiness and peace.

(Groom), as you place the ring on (bride's) finger, please repeat after me – With this ring, I thee wed. Let it ever be a symbol of our love.

(Bride), as you place the ring on (groom's) finger, please repeat after me – With this ring, I thee wed. Let it ever be a symbol of our love.

(Groom) and (bride) for as much as you have consented to be joined in marriage, as witnessed by the giving and receiving of rings and having made solemn vows to each other, by the power vested in me – I now pronounce you husband and wife.

You may now seal your vows with a kiss.