

Wedding Ceremony 3

Dearly beloved, we are here today to join _____ and _____ in lawful matrimony.

Marriage will sanctify the love between this man and woman.

Love and loyalty alone will avail as the foundation of a happy and enduring home.

If the vows which you are about to take are kept, and you seek to honor each other, your life will be full of peace and joy.

You are about to enter into a union which is most serious.

Marriage is a solemn institution, requiring of those who enter into it a complete and unreserved giving of yourself.

In marriage there is joy in helping each other fulfill their dreams, and even greater joy in building and achieving dreams together.

This union will bind you together for life, in a relationship so close and intimate that it will profoundly influence your future.

That future, is filled with hopes, disappointments, pleasures, pains, joys and sorrows.

However, you know that these elements are mingled in every life and are to be expected in your own.

Marriage is a beautiful tribute of your faith in each other.

Today, you begin your married life by the voluntary and complete surrender of your individual lives in the interest of that life which you are to share.

You belong entirely to each other.

You will be one in mind, one in heart, one in affection and whatever sacrifices you may have to make, always make them generously.

The greatest blessing of married life is pure love.

May this love, never fail, but grow deeper and stronger as the years go on.

(to groom) _____, will you take, _____, to be your wife, to live together in lawful matrimony?

Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, so long as you both shall live? (*I will*)

(to bride), _____, will you take, _____, to be your husband, to live together in lawful matrimony?

Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, so long

as you both shall live? (*I will*)

Please face each other, join hands and repeat after me.

(*groom repeats*) I, _____, take you, _____, to be my 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.

(*bride repeats*) I, _____, take you, _____, to be my husband, 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.

May we now have the rings?

The wedding ring is a visible sign of a spiritual bond uniting two hearts in endless love.

_____ *as you place the ring on the Bride's/Groom's finger, please repeat after me.*

(*groom repeats*) In pledge of our faith and love, with this ring, I do thee wed.

(*bride repeats*) In pledge of our faith and love, with this ring, I do thee wed.

_____ and _____ have consented together in lawful wedlock, and have pledged their faith to each other, and have exchanged rings; by the powers vested in me, as a justice of the peace, I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may now kiss the bride.

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