

“CHERISHED” WEDDING CEREMONY

(This can be customized to include; poems, prayers, etc.)



PRIOR TO START ANNOUNCE FOR GUESTS TO TURN OFF THEIR CELL PHONES

All Rise (Bride's Entrance)

We are gathered here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, the joining of two hearts. In this ceremony today we will witness the joining (BRIDE) and (GROOM) in marriage.

If there is anyone present here today, who has any reason why these two people should not be married.....I mean *really*, why did you come? Go home!

Who gives this woman to this man? (Father of the BRIDE or Family member says) My family & I do.

Please Be Seated

Today we have come together to witness the joining of these two hearts. For them, out of the routine of ordinary life, the extraordinary has happened. They met each other, fell in love, and are finalizing it with this, their Wedding today.

Romance is fun, but true love is something far more. It is their desire to love each other for life and this is why we are celebrating here today.

A good marriage must be created. In marriage the “little” things are big things:

It's never being too old to hold hands.
It's remembering to say, "I love you" at least once a day.
It's never going to sleep angry.
It's standing together and facing the world.
It's speaking words of appreciation, and demonstrating
gratitude in thoughtful ways.
It's having the capacity to forgive and forget.
It's giving each other an atmosphere in which to grow.
It's a common search for the good and the beautiful.
It's not only marrying the right partner, it's being the right
partner.

VOWS (face each other and hold hands)(Repeat after me)

I (GROOM) , take you (BRIDE) , to be my Wife, my partner in life,
and my one true love. I will cherish our friendship, and love you
today, tomorrow and forever.

I will trust you and honor you.

I will laugh with you and cry with you.

Through the best and the worst,

Through the difficult and the easy.

Whatever may come, I will always be there.

As I have given you my hand to hold,

So I give you my life to keep.

I (BRIDE) , take you (GROOM) , to be my Husband, my partner in
life, and my one true love. I will cherish our friendship, and love
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(GROOM) & (BRIDE), I would ask that you always remind yourselves of what brought you here today and to treat each other with the respect that both you deserve.

Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness, and kindness that your marriage deserves. When frustration and difficulty attacks your marriage, as it does with every relationship, focus on what is good and right between you - not just the bad things, the parts that seem wrong.

This way, when the dark clouds of trouble hide the sun in your lives and you lose sight of it for a moment, you can remember... the sun is still there. (BRIDE) & (GROOM), if you take responsibility for the quality of your live's together, you'll be rewarded with the abundance and happiness in life that you both deserve.

I DO's

(GROOM), do you take (BRIDE) to be your Wife? (I do)
Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect her, forgetting all others and holding only her forevermore? (I do)

(BRIDE), do you take (GROOM) to be you Husband? (I do)
Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him, forgetting all others and holding only him forevermore? (I do)

RING EXCHANGE (Who has the rings)

The ring is a symbol of the unbroken circle of love. Love freely given has no beginning and no end, no giver and no receiver for each is the giver and each is the receiver. May these rings always remind you of the vows you have spoken here today.

(Repeat after me)

I (GROOM), take you, (BRIDE) to be my Wife...to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, in joy and in sorrow, I promise my love to you. With this ring, I take you as my Wife, for as long as we both shall live.

I (BRIDE), take you, (GROOM) to be my Husband...To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, in joy and in sorrow, I promise my love to you. With this ring, I take you as my Husband, for as long as we both shall live.

To make your relationship work, it will take love. This is the core of your marriage and the reason why you are here today.

It will take trust to know that in your hearts, you truly want the best for each other.

It will take dedication to stay open with one another, and to learn to grow together.

It will take faith to go forward together, without knowing exactly what the future brings.

And it will take commitment, to hold true to the journey you both have pledged today.

UNITY CANDLE/SAND CEREMONY (If requested)

WEDDING PRAYER (If requested)

By the authority invested in me by the State of California and the County of (COUNTY) I now pronounce you Husband & Wife. I'm sure you've been waiting for this moment for long time....please, by all means, Kiss!

Ladies & Gentlemen, It is my pleasure to introduce to you, for the very first time, Mr. & Mrs. (GROOM & BRIDE).

A message to the Newlywed couple;

The words contained in the Ceremony & Vows that you have spoken here today have been chosen very carefully. We not only speak these words as being symbolic of the commitment we make, but also to keep them in our hearts as a reminder of what we have pledged. As the years go by, you may find that the vows you have spoken today and words contained herein, will have a richer & deeper meaning. My Prayer for the both of you is that God grants you the wisdom and confidence in making the right decisions for your lives together.

Your Brother in Christ,

Thomas Brown
Ordained Christian Pastor



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