

## Wedding Ceremony

### Introduction

Dearly beloved, welcome to the wedding ceremony of  
Bride\_\_\_\_\_ and Groom\_\_\_\_\_.  
We are gathered here today to celebrate their union. They have chosen to commit themselves to marriage based on their mutual respect, trust and love for one another, and to share their commitment with family and friends.

Who gives this women to be joined to this man in holy matrimony? *Her mother and I do.*

### Definition and Significance of Marriage

"A good marriage must be created.  
In marriage the "little" things are the big things.  
It is never being too old to hold hands.  
It is remembering to say, "I love you" at least once a day.  
It is never going to sleep angry.  
It is having a mutual sense of values, and common objectives.  
It is standing together and facing the world.  
It is forming a circle that gathers in the whole family.  
It is speaking words of appreciation, and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.  
It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.  
It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.  
It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.  
It is not only marrying the right person -- it is being the right partner."

To groom: Is it your intent today to take Bride\_\_\_\_\_ as  
your wife?

To bride: Is it your intent today to take Groom\_\_\_\_\_ as  
your husband?

### Vow Exchange

Love is being expressed in your relationship today by the choice you are making to commit fully to one another in holy matrimony in the presence of family and friends.

Please face one another.

Groom\_\_\_\_\_, repeat after me:

**I, Groom\_\_\_\_\_ , take thee  
Bride\_\_\_\_\_ , 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,  
and thereto I pledge thee my faith.**

**Bride \_\_\_\_\_, please repeat after me:**

**I, Bride \_\_\_\_\_, take thee  
Groom \_\_\_\_\_, 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,  
and thereto I pledge thee my faith.**

### **Exchange of Rings**

“The rings, please.”

These rings are 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 your rings be a constant reminder of this moment when you have pledged your unending love to one another.

Groom \_\_\_\_\_, as you place the ring on  
Bride \_\_\_\_\_’s finger, please repeat after me.

“With this ring, I thee wed.”

Bride \_\_\_\_\_, as you place the ring on  
Groom \_\_\_\_\_’s finger, please repeat after me.

“With this ring, I thee wed.”

### **Benediction**

Bride \_\_\_\_\_ and Groom \_\_\_\_\_,  
you have now affirmed before your families and friends your love and your caring for each other. You have come from different backgrounds. You have walked different paths. You are different individuals. Your love has transcended these differences. May your relationship, which today has been expressed, continue to grow in the years to come.

### **Pronouncement**

By the power vested in me by the State of Michigan, I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may kiss your bride. I am pleased to present to you, Mr. and Mrs.

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