

Good afternoon!

We have come here today to celebrate the marriage of Bride and Groom. On behalf of them, thank you for joining them. They are delighted that you have come to share in their joy on this special day. By your presence, you celebrate with them the love they have discovered in each other and you support their decision to commit themselves to a lifelong relationship.

Who presents this woman in marriage to this man?

Father/Family: I/We do.

Please be seated.

Bride and Groom, this afternoon you are surrounded by your family and friends, all of whom have gathered to witness and share in the joy of this occasion. In marriage, we give ourselves freely and generously into the hands of the one we love, and in doing so, each of us receives the love and trust of the other as our most precious gift. New experiences lie before you with opportunities to grow deeper in love with each other. As you walk hand in hand into the future, cherish each moment as a gift – a gift given to bring comfort when there is sorrow, peace when there is restlessness, laughter when there is unhappiness, and love when it is shared.

Real love goes far beyond the feelings of romance and bliss.

It is caring more about the well-being and happiness of each other rather than your own needs and desires.

Love makes burdens lighter because you divide them.

It makes joys more intense because you share them.

It makes you stronger so you can become involved with life in ways you dare not risk alone.

Real love says you are stronger together than when you are apart.

It is not only making your commitment to the right partner, it is being the right partner.

DECLARATION OF INTENT

You come here today to affirm your love for one another and formally acknowledge that which your hearts already know...that your lives are meant to be shared as one, that you are stronger together than you are apart, and that, for all the

days yet to come, you wish to share together all life's joys and challenges, committed one to the other.

Groom, I now ask you, do you promise Bride that you will love her for today and for all of your tomorrows? And that from this day forward, you will faithfully walk beside her? [I do]

Bride, I now ask you, do you promise Groom that you will love him for today and for all of your tomorrows? And that from this day forward, you will faithfully walk beside him? [I do]

INTRO TO WEDDING VOWS

You are about to exchange your marriage vows. These vows are an expression of the promises you have chosen to make to each other. Marriage is the uniting of two people and a journey towards the unity of two hearts. The vows you share will thrive on the love that you have for each other and your marriage will grow deeper as time goes by. As you journey through life together, may you continue to trust each other, laugh together and speak often to one another. And may your lives together be filled with joy, whether in times of peace or chaos, trouble or good fortune.

Bride, please hand your bouquet to your maid of honor, face each other and join hands.

WEDDING VOWS

Groom, please repeat these vows to Bride:

Bride, I join my life to yours,
to be your partner in marriage and in life,
to love and to honor you,
to be honest and faithful to you,
to stand by you and care for you,
all the days of my life.

Bride, please repeat these vows to Groom:

Groom, I join my life to yours,
to be your partner in marriage and in life,

to love and to honor you,
to be honest and faithful to you,
to stand by you and care for you,
all the days of my life.

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Do you have rings to exchange?

These wedding rings symbolize the unbroken circle of love, signifying to all your union in marriage. As often as either of you look upon these rings you are about to exchange, may you be reminded of this moment and the love and commitment you have promised to one another.

RING VOWS

Groom, please place the ring on Bride's finger and say to her these words:

Bride, with this ring I take you as my wife and pledge my love and life to you.

Bride, please place the ring on Groom's finger and say to him these words:

Groom, with this ring I take you as my husband and pledge my love and life to you.

BEST WISHES

The two of you are now joined as one. May you two find in each other the love for which all souls long. To make your marriage work will take love. It will take faith to keep your promises and to always be willing to go forward to tomorrow, never really knowing what tomorrow will bring. And it will take commitment - to hold true to the journey you have both pledged to share together.

DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

Groom and Bride, today you have promised your love to each other and sealed your promises with the giving and receiving of rings. It is my joy and pleasure to declare that you are now husband and wife.

Groom, you may kiss your beautiful bride

INTRODUCTION OF COUPLE

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my honor and privilege to introduce to you for the first time Mr. and Mrs. Groom and Bride.