

We are gathered here today to witness and celebrate the marriage of Bride and Groom. We come together not to mark the start of a relationship, but to acknowledge and strengthen a bond that already exists. We're all here today because you're making a choice. You are choosing each other. You've chosen to be with someone who enhances you, makes you think, makes you smile, and makes every day brighter.

Marriage is a commitment in life, where two people can find and bring out the very best in each other. It is a time of adventure and excitement enhanced by the love, trust, dedication, and faith you share in one another. It offers opportunities for bonding and growth that no other human relationship can equal, a joining that has the promise of a lifetime.

But it's important to remember that love is not simply happily ever after; it is the experience of writing your story. It's not one moment – not even this moment. It's every moment. Big ones like saying "I love you," moving in together, getting engaged – but mostly a million little ones that come in between the big moments. Falling asleep next to one another, making dinner together, *binge-watching Breaking Bad on Netflix, finally beating Super Mario Brothers*, getting a big hug when you get home from work... these everyday moments fuse together into one big experience that is uniquely your own.

Please join hands as a symbol of the union that you are making here today.

I'd like you to think about the hands you are holding.

These are the hands of your best friend holding your hands on your wedding day,

Promising to love you and to work together as you build your future.

These are the hands that will give you:

Strength when you need strength,

Tenderness when you need tenderness,

And love when you need love.

These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind.

These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes;

Tears of sorrow but also tears of joy.

These are the hands that will love you and cherish you through the years.

These are the hands that years from now will still be searching for your hands, still seeking the love, encouragement, and support That each of you seeks from the other today.

[Vows]

As you prepare to pledge your vows to each other, always remember that no other ties are more tender, no other vows more sacred than those you are about to make to each other. By keeping the vows you make today out of a desire to love and be loved by another person fully and without limitation, your life will have joy and the home you establish will be a place in which you will find love, comfort, and peace.

Groom, do you wish to share the rest of your life with Bride?

I do

Then repeat after me

I, Groom, take you, Bride, to be my wife,

My partner in life and my one true love.

I will trust you and honor you.

I will laugh with you and cry with you.

I will be faithful to you always.

I will love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

Bride, do you wish to share the rest of your life with Groom?

I do

Then repeat after me.

I, Bride, take you, Groom, to be my husband,

My partner in life and my one true love.

I will trust you and honor you.

I will laugh with you and cry with you.

I will be faithful to you always.

I will love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

[Exchanging of the rings]

You have chosen to seal your vows by exchanging rings. The wedding ring is the outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible bond that unites

two hearts in endless love. As you look at these rings daily, let them remind you of this moment, and the love and commitment you have promised today.

Groom, place the ring on Bride's finger and repeat after me:

With this ring, I give you my heart and take you as my wife.

Bride, place the ring on Groom's finger and repeat after me:

With this ring, I give you my heart and take you as my wife.

From this moment forward, you will never be alone. You will carry with you the love of another person who completes you. Tomorrow can bring you the greatest of joys, but today is the day it all begins.

Having pledged to love, honor, and cherish one another in the presence of this gathering it is my honor and pleasure to now pronounce you husband and wife.

Groom, you may kiss your bride.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you Mr. and Mrs. Groom and Bride Last Name.