

We are gathered today to celebrate and witness as Bride and Groom are joined together in marriage. What greater thing for two persons than to be joined together, to strengthen each other in all labor, to rest on each other in all sorrow, to help each other in all need, to share all joy, and to be one with each other..

Who presents this woman to be married to this man? (“I do” or “Her mother and I do”.)

Today you've gathered your friends and family together to celebrate this special day of love with you. Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty thru good times and bad. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses. Love is content with the present; it hopes for the future and it doesn't brood over the past. It is the day-in and out chronicles of irritations, problems, compromises, small disappointments, big victories and common goals. If you have love in your life, it can make up for a great many things that you lack. If you don't have it, no matter what else is there, it isn't enough.

Bride, I'd like for you to give your bouquet to your Maid of Honor and join hands with Groom as a symbol of the union that you are making here today. I'd like you to think about the hands that 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 together.
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 countless times wipe the tears from your eyes
Tears of sorrow
But also tears of joy.
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 receives from
the other.

Groom, I now ask you, do you take Bride to be your wife? *I do.* Will you love her, honor her, comfort her, and keep her in sickness and in health, forsaking all others, as long as you both shall live? *Groom: I will.*

Bride, do you take Groom, to be your husband? *I do.* Will you love him, honor him, comfort him, and keep him in sickness and in health, forsaking all others as long as you both shall live? *Bride: I will*

As you prepare to pledge your vows to each other, always remember that love – which is rooted in faith, trust, and acceptance - will be the foundation of a lasting and deepening relationship. 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.

Please face each other and join hands.

Groom, please say these words to Bride:

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 love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

Bride, please say these words to Groom:

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 love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

Do you have rings to exchange?

The wedding ring is the outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible bond which unites two hearts in endless love. The ring is a circle that has no end and symbolizes the never-ending love that exists between you. As you look at these

rings daily, let them always remind you of the love that surrounds you and is between you today.

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

With this ring I pledge my love and life to you.

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

With this ring I pledge my love and life to you.

To make your relationship work will take love. This is the core of your marriage and why you are here today. It will take trust, to know that in your hearts, you truly want what is best for each other. It will take dedication, to stay open to one another and to learn and 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 to today.

And now having spoken your vows and exchanged rings as a testament to your love, it is my honor and pleasure to pronounce you man and wife.

Groom, you may kiss your wife!

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