

Marriage Ceremony

We are gathered here today for the purpose of uniting _____ and _____ in marriage, and to share in the joy of this memorable occasion.

Marriage symbolizes the intimate sharing of two lives. It is the development of a balanced relationship that is continually growing and changing. Acceptance of each other's differences and appreciation of each other's individuality creates an atmosphere of understanding and trust where not only joys and successes but also sorrows and disappointments can be shared. Deep knowledge of each other's feelings can only develop fully with patience, genuine caring and respect. This understanding of each other can be the greatest and most fulfilling experience of your lives.

No other human ties are more tender and no other vows more important than those you now assume. If you both keep these vows, your home will be happy and full of joy.

_____ and _____, will you please turn towards each other and join hands to say your vows.

The contract of marriage is most solemn and is not to be taken into lightly, but thoughtfully and seriously, and with a deep realization of its obligations and responsibilities.

_____, do you take this person, _____, to be your lawful wedded spouse?

Please repeat after me:

I, _____, take thee _____, to be my Lawful wedded spouse, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish.

_____, do you take this person, _____ to be your lawful wedded spouse?

Please repeat after me:

I, _____, take thee _____, to be my lawful wedded spouse, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish.

A ring is a tangible symbol of everlasting love that seals the vows of your marriage. Will you please present your rings.

*_____,
Place and hold the ring on _____'s left hand and repeat after me:*

"This ring I give thee, in token and pledge of my constant faith and enduring love. With this ring I thee wed."

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Place and hold the ring on _____'s left hand and repeat after me:*

"This ring I give thee, in token and pledge of my constant faith and enduring love. With this ring I thee wed."

_____ and _____, now that you have joined yourselves in solemn matrimony, may you strive all your lives to meet this commitment with the same love and devotion that you now possess. May this moment define your marriage as one that only grows stronger through the years.

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CIVIL MARRIAGES FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU, MARRIED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

You may seal your commitment with a kiss.

Congratulations!