

# welcome

to the wedding of

## • Opening •

*(Officiant)* “Hello and welcome! We’re here today because \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have decided they love each other so much that they want to get the government involved! But in all seriousness, a huge thanks to all who have joined us. We promise we’ll get these two hitched quickly so you can make a beeline to the open bar!

I’d like to take this opportunity to ponder the meaning of marriage. Now I know I made a joke about these two loving each other so much they’ve decided to get the government involved, but we know that’s not all marriage is. It’s a tradition, yes, but it’s so much more. It might take a lot of work and compromise, but at the end of the day, this is about choosing your person until the end of this thing we call life. So no matter how many dishes they leave in the sink, no matter how horrible their cooking is, no matter how bad their mood might be on occasion—you’ve got someone who chooses to stick with you through it all. And that’s what marriage is about!”

## • Reading •

*(Officiant)* “As our reading today, \_\_\_\_\_ has asked \_\_\_\_\_ to share a personal story of their relationship in honor of their marriage today.”

## • Declaration of Intent •

*(Officiant)* “Do you, \_\_\_\_\_, take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your lawfully wedded \_\_\_\_\_, to love and cherish them for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, and reap as many tax benefits as you can for as long as you both shall live?”

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### • Vows •

*(Officiant)* and , please exchange your vows.

( ) " , I vow to share the covers, leave the light on, make sure the toilet paper is stocked, not use all the hot water, and do as many dishes as I can humanly stomach, as long as we both shall live."

( ) " , I vow not to take any of your less-pleasing habits personally, even though I really wish you'd put the keys back on the key hook, or the towel back on the towel hook, and not leave your shoes in the middle of the hallway..as long as we both shall live."

### • Ring Exchange •

*(Officiant)* "Now, it's time to put a ring on it! , repeat after me: 'I give you this ring as a symbol that I will love and cherish you, and that I'll try to keep my mouth shut when it's your turn to choose the movie we watch.'"

[  *repeats and places ring on finger.*]

*(Officiant)* " , repeat after me: 'I give you this ring as a symbol that I will love and cherish you, and that I'll consider making you dinner every once in a while.'"

[  *repeats and places ring on finger.*]

## • Pronouncement •

*(Officiant)* “What a romantic exchange. Now, I guess there’s only one thing left to do: By the power vested in me by the state of \_\_\_\_\_, I now pronounce you \_\_\_\_\_ ! Now kiss and go celebrate!”

## • Closing •

*(Officiant)* “That’s a wrap on the formal proceedings of today. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will greet you in \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ to continue the festivities! We thank you for coming—now get out of here and go celebrate!”