

# welcome

to the wedding of

## • Opening •

*(Officiant)* “Welcome friends, family and loved ones! We’re gathered here today in celebration of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and to bear witness as they join their lives in marriage. On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, it’s a true pleasure to have you here to celebrate this incredible moment.

Love is one of the greatest gifts life has to offer. Love offers hope, joy, comfort, and security, in good times and bad. Love is what spurs our personal growth and allows us to face life and all its challenges, with the unending support of the person we’ve chosen to commit our lives to. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ stand before you today to share the love and happiness in their hearts as they take their relationship to a deeper level of commitment by making a passage into marriage.”

## • Affirmation of Family and Friends •

*(Officiant)* “Do you, the family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, give your full support today and wish them a lifetime of happiness together?”

*(Reception responds)* “We do.”

## • Declaration of Intent •

*(Officiant)* “In the presence and witness of the loved ones you have gathered here today, I now ask you to state your intentions.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in the commitment of marriage?”

*(Couple responds)* "Yes."

*(Officiant)* "Will you love, honor, and cherish one another as partners for the rest of your lives?"

*(Couple responds)* "We will."

### • Reading •

*(Officiant)* "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have selected a reading from \_\_\_\_\_ that represents their unique journey and the commitment they're making today."

### • Vows •

*(Officiant)* "Marriage is a lifelong commitment to love and care for each other to the best of your ability. Are you both ready to take this step together?"

*(Couple responds)* "Yes!"

*(Officiant)* "Do you promise to care for each other, treat each other with respect and compassion, and to always move toward love in your efforts to support one another?"

*(Couple responds)* "We do."

*(Officiant)* "Do you promise to meet each challenge and triumph with integrity, gratitude, and patience, and to strive to learn and grow together for all of your days?"

*(Couple responds)* "We do."

### • Ring Exchange •

(\_\_\_\_\_) "I \_\_\_\_\_, give you \_\_\_\_\_ this ring as an eternal symbol of my love and commitment to you. With this ring and with everything that I am, I honor you."

[                    places ring on                    finger]

(                    ) "I                    , give you                    this ring as a symbol of the vows we've made today. I pledge to you my love, respect, and commitment. With everything that I am, I honor you."

[                    places ring on                    finger]

### • Pronouncement •

*(Officiant)* "Now that you,                    and                    , have promised to give yourself fully to each other, to love each other through the vows you have made, and through the giving and receiving of these rings, it is my great pleasure by the power vested in me by the state of                    to pronounce you                    ! You may now kiss!"

### • Closing •

*(Officiant)* "Thank you all for joining in this joyous occasion for                    and                    ! They now invite you to join them for a reception at                    . Thank you all!"