

# welcome

to the wedding of

## Processional

- Guests are seated
- Grandparents walk down the aisle and take their seats
- Groom's parents walk down the aisle and take their seats
- Bride's parents walk down the aisle and take their seats
- Officiant, groom and groomsmen enter
- Bridesmaids enter
- Bride enters and walks down the aisle

## • Opening •

*(Officiant)* "Welcome, loved ones. We are gathered here today to celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in their lifelong commitment of love to each other. Finding your life partner is a true joy, and the commitment to share in life's ups and downs as one is no small feat. While marriage will bring its own challenges and triumphs, let this day be a reminder of what your love has already accomplished, as well as the possibilities for your partnership as you grow together for years to come."

## • Declaration of Intent •

*(Officiant)* "Do you, \_\_\_\_\_ take \_\_\_\_\_, to be your lawfully wedded \_\_\_\_\_ ?

( \_\_\_\_\_ *responds*) "I do."

*(Officiant)* "Will you honor and cherish them, continue to deepen your understanding of them, and treat them with love and compassion in joy and pain, sickness and health, and whatever life might throw your way?"

( *responds*) "I will."

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( *responds*) "I will."

(*Officiant*) Have you both come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage? If so, answer by saying 'I have!'"

(*Couple responds in unison with "I do" or "I have"*)

## • Readings •

(*Officiant*) "As our reading today, \_\_\_\_\_ has asked \_\_\_\_\_ to recite an original poem in honor of their union."

## • 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 •

*(Officiant)* “ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will now exchange rings as a symbol of their love and lifelong commitment.”

( \_\_\_\_\_ ) “With this ring, I promise to support you, care for you, laugh with you, share in your burdens, be honest with you, and be faithful to you in all that we may face in the years ahead. I promise to love you with everything I have, from this day forward and beyond.”

[ \_\_\_\_\_ places ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger]

( \_\_\_\_\_ ) “With this ring, I promise to love you and commit myself to you for the rest of my life. I promise to stand by your side, be there for you always, and to find laughter and joy even in tough times. I promise to love and accept you just as you are, and grow with you for every year to come.”

[ \_\_\_\_\_ places ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger]

## • Pronouncement •

*(Officiant)* By the power vested in me by the state of \_\_\_\_\_, and with the trust of you all here today, I now declare you joined in love. 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!”