

Sample Wedding Ceremony

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the presence of God and this company of loved ones and friends, to join this man and this woman in the bonds of holy matrimony.

This is a sacred union, and, as such, should not be entered into hastily or without consideration; but reverently, discretely, advisedly, and in the fear of our Heavenly Father.

If anyone knows any just cause why this marriage should not be performed, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

Who gives this woman in marriage?

(To the man)

Do you, _____, take this woman to be your wedded wife, promising to keep, cherish, and defend her, and to be her faithful and true husband so long as you both shall live?

(To the woman)

Do you, _____, take this man to be your wedded husband, promising to adhere unalterably to him in all of life's challenges and to be his loving and true wife until death divides you?

(To the groom, then to the bride)

Please repeat after me:

I, _____, take thee, _____, to be my wedded (wife/husband), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do us part.

(To the groom, then to the bride)

_____, have you a ring for _____,?

May this beautiful/handsome ring symbolize the purity and never-ending love you have for each other. You should wear it always, as a symbol of the perfect circle of duty that makes you one. You may place it on his/her finger.

For as much as _____, and _____, promise to be faithful and true to each other, and witness the same before

God and this company by spoken vows and giving and receiving rings in pledge, they hereby enter into a new estate. As a judge in the state of Louisiana, I hereby pronounce them husband and wife.

What God has joined together, let no man put asunder. You may kiss your bride.

(End of ceremony)