

## *Short and Sweet Ceremony*

### WELCOME

We are here today to celebrate the miracle of love.

G\_\_\_\_\_ and B\_\_\_\_\_ have found that miracle in each other and now desire to share their love all the days of their lives.

### CONSENT

Are both of you willing to give your hand to the one whose heart you hold?

*(Both answer):* **Yes, we are.**

Who presents B\_\_\_\_\_ to be married to G\_\_\_\_\_

*(The Escort shall say):* **Her Mother and I or I do or We do or Her Family** or other.

### ADDRESS AND READINGS

Today you are giving yourselves to one another to love and to live.

Your lives are being woven together, and in time, they will intertwine in such a way that you truly will become one in heart, mind, and soul.

Listen to these words that reflect this kind of love between a man and a woman.

G\_\_\_\_\_ and B\_\_\_\_\_, may this kind of love always help you keep the promises you are about to make here today.

## *When a Man and a Woman Are in Love*

When a man and a woman are in love,

His life lies within hers  
and her life lies within his.

Each life as an individual,  
yet they also live  
for one another.

Each strives for independent goals,  
but they also work together  
to achieve their dreams.

They will turn one another's  
disappointment into  
satisfaction.

They will turn one another's  
frustration into  
contentment.

They will learn to lean on each other, but not so much as to be a burden on the other.

They will learn to reach out to one another, but not so much as to suffocate the other.

They will learn when it is time to speak and when it is time to listen.

They will be there to comfort each other in times of sorrow.

They will be there to celebrate together in times of happiness.

They will be one another's companion, facing together the challenges that life may present.

Together they will love one another for the rest of their lives and forever

## WEDDING VOWS

*(The Officiant shall say):* (g\_\_\_\_\_ ), please repeat after me.

I, (g\_\_\_\_\_ ), take you, (b\_\_\_\_\_ ), / to be my partner in life. / I promise to walk by your side forever, / and to love, help, and encourage you / in all that you do. / I will take time to talk with you, to listen to you, / and to care for you. / I will share your laughter and your tears / as your partner, lover, and best friend. / Everything I am and everything I have is yours / now and forevermore.

*(The Officiant shall say):* (b\_\_\_\_\_ ), please repeat after me.

I, (b\_\_\_\_\_ ), give myself to you (g\_\_\_\_\_ ), / on this our wedding day. / I will cherish our friendship, / and love you today, tomorrow, and forever. / I will trust you and honor you. / I will love you faithfully / through the best and the worst, / through the difficult and the easy. / Whatever comes our way, I will be there always. / As I have given you my hand to hold, / so I give you my life to keep.

## EXPLANATION OF THE RINGS

The wedding ring is the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual bond that unites two loyal hearts in endless love.

May these rings always remind you that it was love that brought you together, and it is love that will keep you together through all the seasons of your lives.

### RING EXCHANGE VOWS

*(The Officiant shall say):* May I have the token of G\_\_\_\_\_’s love for B\_\_\_\_\_

*(The Officiant ):* G\_\_\_\_\_, please repeat after me.

**B\_\_\_\_\_ , this ring is the token of my love. / I marry you with this ring, / with all that I have and all that I am.**

*(The Officiant ):* B\_\_\_\_\_, please respond by repeating after me.

**G\_\_\_\_\_ , I will forever wear this ring / as the sign of my commitment / and the desire of my heart.**

*(The Officiant shall say):* May I have the token of B\_\_\_\_\_’s love for G\_\_\_\_\_

*(Officiant receives ring from Maid of Honor. Bride places ring on Groom’s finger.)*

*(The Officiant shall then say):* B\_\_\_\_\_ please repeat after me.

**G\_\_\_\_\_ this ring is the token of my love. / I marry you with this ring, / with all that I have and all that I am.**

*(The Officiant shall then say):* G\_\_\_\_\_, please respond by repeating after me.

**B\_\_\_\_\_ I will forever wear this ring / as the sign of my commitment / and the desire of my heart.**

## **LIGHTING OF THE UNITY CANDLE/ Sand ect**

The lighting of the Unity Candle symbolizes the joining together of your two hands, your two hearts and your two lives into one.

From this moment on, the light of your love burns jointly as you walk down life's pathway together.

May the path of life become brighter as the flame of your love grows stronger.

## **WEDDING PRAYER / BLESSING**

May God bless you with Hope enough to keep sunshine in your love, and Fear enough to keep you holding hands in the dark.

May God bless you with Unity enough to keep your roots entwined, and Separation enough to keep you reaching for each other.

May God bless you with Harmony enough to keep romance in your song, and Discord enough to keep you tuning your love so it becomes sweet music to all who may hear it. *Amen*

## **PRONOUNCEMENT**

G\_\_\_\_\_ and B\_\_\_\_\_ now that you have shared with each other these words of love and commitment, and we have witnessed the expression of your love as you have given each other these rings, and you have joined your hands and hearts before your family and friends, it is with great joy that I pronounce you husband and wife.

## **KISS**

*(The Officiate shall say):* G\_\_\_\_\_ you may kiss your Bride.

## **PRESENTATION**

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my privilege to introduce to you for the very first time, Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_.