

Forever Yours Weddings



We are gathered here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, and to add our best wishes to the words which shall unite **Groom** and **Bride** in marriage.

Today your separate lives with their individual memories, desires, and hopes merge into one. You will bring to this new life, each for the sake of the other, the best that you have in you.

Vows

Groom do you take **Bride** to be your wife?

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect her, forsaking all others and holding only unto her?

Bride do you take **Groom** to be your husband?

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him, forsaking all others and holding *only* unto him?

Ring Exchange

Wedding rings are an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace and the unbroken circle of love, signifying to all the union of this man and this woman in marriage.

Groom, take **Bride's** ring, place it on her finger and repeat after me.

I **Groom** take thee, **Bride** to be my wife. To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you forevermore.

Bride, take **Groom's** ring, place it on his finger and repeat after me.

I **Bride**, take thee **Groom** to be my husband. To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you forevermore.

Corinthians

A marriage ceremony represents one of life's greatest commitments. But it also is a declaration of love. I wish to read to you what Paul wrote of love in a letter to the Corinthians. I believe it is a true model of love and it is a model of love I hope you pursue in your marriage:

- ♥ *Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud.*
- ♥ *Love is never haughty or selfish or rude.*
- ♥ *Love does not demand its own way.*
- ♥ *Love is not irritable or touchy.*
- ♥ *Love does not hold grudges and will hardly notice when others do it wrong.*
- ♥ *Love is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out.*
- ♥ *If you love someone, you will be loyal to them no matter what the costs.*
- ♥ *You will always believe in them, always expect the best in them, and will always stand your ground in defending them.*

Pronouncement

As the two of you come into this marriage uniting you as husband and wife, and as you this day affirm your faith and love for one another, I would ask that you always remember to cherish each other as special and unique individuals, that you respect the thoughts, ideas and suggestions of one another. Be able to forgive, do not hold grudges, and live each day that you may share it together, as from this day forward you shall be each other's home, comfort and refuge, your marriage strengthened by your love and respect for each other.

In so much as the two of you have agreed to live together in Holy Matrimony, have promised your love for each other by these vows, the joining of your hands and the giving of these rings, may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord

make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance unto to you, and give you peace.

It now gives me great pleasure to pronounce that you are Husband and Wife!

GROOM, YOU MAY NOW KISS THE BRIDE!

*May I introduce for the first time,
Mr. and Mrs. _____*