

Forever Yours Weddings



**** the bride and groom are responsible for providing their own doves. You can google 'dove release for wedding' and you should get some vendors that can help you.**

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## Ceremony

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.

Life is given to each of us as individuals, and yet we must learn to live together.

Love is given to us by our family or by our friends. We learn to love by being loved and learning to love and living together is one of the greatest challenges of life - and is the shared goal of a married life.

## 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

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

Just as this circle is without end, my love for you is eternal. With this ring I take you to be my trusted confidant and partner for life.

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

Just as this circle is without end, my love for you is eternal. With this ring I take you to be my trusted confidante and partner for life.

A circle is the symbol of the sun, the earth, the universe; of wholeness, perfection, peace and of unity. Like circles, your rings have no beginning and no ending. They are tokens of the growing relationship you have come here to celebrate and confirm.

## Dove Release

May we have the doves please?

The release of doves in a wedding ceremony extends the message of Peace, the celebration of Life, and the expression of Love. Releasing doves uplifts the eyes, signifies new beginnings and true celebrations in flight. In Scripture doves are more numerous than all other species. Luke 3:22 states: "The heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove."

The dove is the symbol of peace, and the presence of the Spirit. They have been chosen by God to be the messengers of the day.

Once the Lord of heaven chose two doves, both young and fair, and told them of a very special journey they would share. "Go now upon the earth and see two hearts where you may dwell, and there I shall surely come and make my home with you as well. We'll join the two and make them one. A Husband and his Wife, my spirit will endow their love with everlasting life."

Today the Doves will bring the sacred promise from above, to those whose hearts are open to the miracle of LOVE.

Please release the doves.

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.

Although I'm officiating here today, it is not truly in my power to sanctify, legitimize or bless your relationship in any way, because the two of you have already done that in your hearts. So, by joining hands right now and looking into each other's eyes, let it be known that you are joined, body and soul in this lifetime, and that this bond is sacred and eternal. And now that you have stood before me and exchanged these rings and these vows, it 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. \_\_\_\_\_*