

# Forever Yours Weddings



**\*\* the bride and groom are responsible for providing their own ropes. You can google 'handfasting wedding ropes' and you should get quite a bit of suggestions.**

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## Ceremony

Welcome to the ceremony that will unite **Groom** and **Bride** in marriage.

We gather here today to celebrate their union, and to honor their commitment to not just gazing at one another, but to looking outward together in the same direction. Today they proclaim their love to the world, and we rejoice with and for them.

## Handfasting

Know now before you go further, that since your lives have crossed in this life you have formed ties between each other. As you seek to enter this state of matrimony you should strive to make real, the ideals which give meaning to both this ceremony and the institution of marriage.

With full awareness, know that within this circle you are not only declaring your intent to be handfasted before your friends and family, but you speak that intent also to your creative higher powers.

The promises made today and the ties that are bound here greatly strengthen your union; they will cross the years and lives of each soul's growth.

Do you still seek to enter this ceremony? *Yes, we seek to enter.*

Please look into each others eyes.

**Groom**, Will you cause her pain?

*I May*

Is that your intent?

*No*

**Bride**, Will you cause him pain?

*I may*

Is that your intent?

*No*

**Groom** and **Bride**

Will you share each other's pain and seek to ease it?

*Yes*

And so the binding is made. Join your hands

*\*First cord is draped across the bride and grooms hands\**

**Groom**, Will you share her laughter?

*Yes*

**Bride**, Will you share his laughter?

*Yes*

**Groom and Bride**

Will both of you look for the brightness in life and the positive in each other?

*Yes*

And so the binding is made.

*\*Second cord is draped across the couples hands\**

**Groom**, Will you burden her?

*I may*

Is that your intent?

*No*

**Bride**, Will you burden him?

*I may*

Is that your intent?

*No*

**Groom and Bride**

Will you share the burdens of each so that your spirits may grow in this union?

*Yes*

And so the binding is made.

*\*Drape third cord across the couples hands\**

**Groom**, will you share her dreams?

*Yes*

**Bride**, will you share his dreams?

*Yes*

**Groom and Bride**

Will you dream together to create new realities and hopes?

*Yes*

And so the binding is made.

*\*Drape fourth cord across the couples hands\**

**Groom**, will you cause her anger?

*I may*

Is that your intent?

*No*

**Bride**, will you cause him anger?

*I may*

Is that your intent?

*No*

**Groom and Bride**

Will you take the heat of anger and use it to temper the strength of this union?

*We will*

And so the binding is made.

*\*Drape fifth cord across the couples hands\**

**Groom**, Will you honor her?

*I will*

**Bride**, Will you honor him?

*I will*

**Groom** and **Bride**

Will you seek to never give cause to break that honor?

*We shall never do so.*

And so the binding is made.

*\*Drape sixth cord across the couples hands\**

*\*Tie cords together and then say:\**

The knots of this binding are not formed by these cords but instead by your vows. Either of you may drop the cords, for as always; you hold in your own hands the making of breaking of this union.

*\*Once cords are tied together they are removed and placed on altar\**

### Ring Exchange

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

With this ring, I thee wed.

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

With this ring, I thee wed

### Pronouncement

- ♥ May the sun of many days and years shine upon you, may the love you have for one another grow and hold you close.
- ♥ May the good true light within you guide your way together.
- ♥ May your dreams come true and when they don't may new dreams arise.

And long, long years from now, may you look at one another and be able to say, 'Because of you I have become the person I longed to be'.

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.

***YOU MAY NOW KISS YOUR BRIDE!***

May I introduce to you  
Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_