

Forever Yours Weddings



We are joyfully here today to witness and celebrate the joining of **Groom** and **Bride**.

This is the time that you have chosen to become husband and wife. We are here not only to witness your commitment to each other, but to wish you every happiness in your future life together. Marriage is founded on sincerity and understanding which leads to tolerance, confidence and trust. We believe that those qualities which have attracted you both to each other can be best developed during a life spent together. A happy marriage will enable you to establish a home with love and stability where your family and friends will always be welcome.

Vows

Groom, please repeat after me:

I **Groom** take you **Bride** to be my wife. I promise above all else to live in truth with you and to communicate fully and fearlessly, I give you my hand and my heart as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, and pledge my love, devotion, faith and honor as I join my life to yours.

Bride, please repeat after me:

I **Bride** take you **Groom** to be my husband. I promise above all else to live in truth with you and to communicate fully and fearlessly, I give you my hand and my heart as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, and pledge my love, devotion, faith and honor as I join my life to yours.

Hands of the Bride and Groom

Today I am going to read "*The Hands of the Bride and Groom.*" This demonstrates the significance of the exchange of the rings between a husband and wife. I would like to say a few words about the role that our hands play in our lives.

- ♥ Our hands are the one part of our bodies with the most sensory feeling.
- ♥ Our hands also act as our tools for performing work.
- ♥ Our hands serve as a means of expressing emotion, including passion and intimacy.

Most importantly – Today – your hands will play a very special role in your commitment of becoming husband and wife in your exchange of rings. Your rings outwardly express to the world the commitment that you will make to each other.

Ring Exchange

Groom and **Bride**, please face each other.

Bride, please take **Groom's** hands in yours with his palms faced up.

- ♥ These hands are a gift to you, they are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years.
- ♥ These are the hands that will wipe countless tears of sorrow and joy from your eyes.
- ♥ These are the hands that will caress you and comfort you in times of illness and hold you when fear or grief fills you.
- ♥ These are the hands that will pick you up and give you support when you need it
- ♥ They are the hands that will celebrate your accomplishments and give you strength for a lifetime of happiness.

Bride, please place the ring on **Groom's** finger.

Groom, please take **Bride's** hands in yours with her palms face up.

- ♥ These hands are the hands that will hold you tight as you struggle through difficult times.
- ♥ They are the hands that will comfort you when you are sick and console you when you are grieving.
- ♥ These are the hands that will give you support and encourage you to fulfill your dreams.

- ♥ These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years for a lifetime of happiness.

Groom, please place the ring on Bride's finger.

Groom and Bride, please clasp your hands together.

By enclosing your hands together in your commitment of marriage, you are each gaining a set of hands. Together, you will have the strength to accomplish dreams that you could never accomplish alone. You will have the strength to endure stress and difficulties in life that you could never survive on your own. You will have each other to heal, protect, shelter, and guide you.

May you always remember the deep feeling of love and commitment that you have in your hearts today as you hold your hands together through your path of life.

Pronouncement

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 us 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 YOUR BRIDE!

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