

# Forever Yours Weddings



Welcome friends and family. We are gathered here to unite **Bride** and **Groom** in marriage, which is held in honor among all people.

In marriage, two people turn to each other in search of a greater fulfillment than either can achieve alone. Marriage is a bold step, taken together, into an unknown future. It is risking who we are for the sake of who we can be. This is achieved only in giving of ourselves fully, and sharing our lives with another.

Two among us, who have stood apart, come together now, to declare their love and to be united in marriage. Their love unites two different lives, families, and cultures. While appreciating the differences between their cultures and traditions, they believe that together, they are more than the sums of their parts.

They have woven from threads of two traditions of fabric that represents who they are together. It joins their cultural traditions and memories and symbolizes their wonderful commitment to honoring their different roots. It testifies to their eagerness to share with one another the wealth of their individual heritages and, at the same time, to build together a unique partnership based on sharing, on joy, on learning, and on celebration.

## Parent & Community Blessing

People have been united in marriage in all lands and all cultures. In marriages everywhere, two individuals leave the families that raised them, to begin a new family.

At this time, we ask the parents of the **Bride** and **Groom** to please stand and bless this marriage.

Do you, the Parents who have lovingly raised and nurtured these two individuals offer your blessing for their marriage promising to support them, understand them, and encourage them in their solemn endeavor, in the years ahead? If you agree, please say, "We do."

And to the friends and family here today, I ask the same question. Do you offer your blessing for this marriage promising to support them, understand them, and encourage them in their solemn endeavor, in the years ahead? If you agree, please say, "We do."

## Vows

Do you **Bride**, accept this man as your husband to join with him today in matrimony, to offer your friendship and loving care, to honor his growth and freedom, to cherish and respect him, and to love and embrace him in times of adversity and times of joy?

Do you **Groom**, accept this woman as your wife to join with her today in matrimony, to offer your friendship and loving care, to honor her growth and freedom, to cherish and respect her, and to love and embrace her in times of adversity and times of joy?

## Ring Exchange

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

With this ring I thee wed. Take it as a symbol of my everlasting and unconditional love with all that I am and all that I have from this day forward as your wife.

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

With this ring I thee wed. Take it as a symbol of my everlasting and unconditional love with all that I am and all that I have from this day forward as your husband.

The wedding ring is a symbol, in visible form, of the unbroken circle of your love, so that wherever you go, you may always return to your shared life together. May these rings always call to mind the power of your love.

Pronouncement

In the presence of your family and friends who have joined you to share this moment of joy, you have declared your deep love and affection for each other. You have stated your wish to live together, always open to a deeper, richer friendship and partnership. You have formed your own union, based on respect and honor. Despite all changes of fortune and time, may that which is noble and lovely and true remain abundantly in your hearts, giving you strength for all that lies ahead.

It is my joyful pleasure to officially acknowledge your union as “Husband and Wife.”

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

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