

Forever Yours Weddings



**** the bride and groom are responsible for providing their own candles. You can google 'unity candle for wedding' and you should get quite a bit of suggestions on the candles.. Pretty much any craft store will be able to help you out.**

Ceremony

Today is a celebration of love, of commitment, of friendship, of family, and of two people who are in it forever.

We have thousands of important moments that happen throughout our lives, but this is regarded as one so critical, we acknowledge its special status by sharing it with others.

All of us here today have our own love stories. Some are short, others long. Some are yet unwritten, while others are just getting to the good part.

Today **Groom** and **Bride** proclaim their love and commitment to the world, and we gather here to rejoice, with and for them, and to help them start a new chapter their love story.

Vows

Groom and **Bride**, 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 earning to love and living together is one of the greatest challenges of life - and is the shared goal of a married life.

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, please place the ring on **Bride** 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, please place the ring on **Groom** 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.

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.

Unity Candle

Your relationship was just sealed by the giving and receiving of rings.

This beautiful union is symbolized through the lighting of the Unity Candle. The two distinct flames represent your lives to this moment; individual and unique. The center candle you are about to light is a candle of Marriage. Its fire is magical because it represents the light of two people in love. It is a candle of Unity because both must come

together, giving a spark of themselves, to create the new light. This candle is also a candle of Commitment because it takes two people working together to keep it aflame.

Groom and **Bride** please light the center candle to symbolize the union of your lives.

As you have lit this candle today, may the brightness of the flame shine throughout your lives. May the radiance of this one light be a testimony of your unity. May this candle burn brightly as a symbol of your commitment to each other. May it give you courage and reassurance in darkness, warmth and safety in the cold.

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. 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. _____*