**STANDARD CEREMONY**

**Opening**

We are gathered here on this wonderful day to join in the marriage of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_&\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The step which you are about to take are the most important which human beings can come. It’s a union of two people founded upon mutual respect and affection. Your lives will change, your responsibilities will increase, but your joy will be multiplied if you are sincere and earnest with your pledge to one another. One of the most important things to make your marriage work is communication, talking is the key, but the key is to be an outstanding listener.

**Consent**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, and forsaking all others, so long as you both shall live? … I do

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, will you have this man to be your wedded husband, to love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, and forsaking all others, so long as you both shall live?... I do

**Reading**

\_\_\_\_\_&\_\_\_\_ today is one of the happiest days of your lives. Marriage is a promise to be kind and understanding to be thoughtful considerate and to share one life together. Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens; a good marriage must be created. And in the art of marriage it’s the little things that are the big things you’re never too old to hold hands, it’s remembering to say l love you at least once a day and it’s never going to sleep angry.

**Vows**

\_\_\_\_\_\_, please repeat after me:

\_\_\_\_\_\_I take you as you are, loving who you are now and who you are yet to become. I promise to listen to you and learn from you, to support you and accept your support. I will share in your hopes and dreams. I will love you and have faith in your love for me, Let us be partners, friends and lovers, today and all of the days to follow.

**Reading**

To love is to share life together, to build special plans just for two, to work side by side and then smile with pride as one by one, dreams all come true, to love is to have someone special one who you can always depend to be there though the years sharing laughter and tears as a partner a lover a friend to love is to make special memories of moments you love to recall of all the good things that sharing life brings love is the greatest of all.

**Ring Exchange** May I have the rings?  Take each other’s hands

Rings are the external and visible sign of your internal and spiritual bond of love which unites both your hearts. May they serve as a seal of your vows to one another from this day forward.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ repeat after me:

­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_, This ring I give to you in token of my love and devotion and with my heart, I pledge to you all that I am. With this ring, I marry you and join my life to yours.

**Pronouncement** May love be in every step you take, every word you speak and every choice you make in your life. It is with my great pleasure and honor to declare you married by the power vested in me by the Great State of New Jersey. \_\_\_\_ You make kiss your Bride!

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