

Non-Religious Sample Script

WORDS OF GREETING

*Good (EVENING) and welcome to this joyous occasion: the uniting of two souls, the joining of two hearts. **BRIDE and GROOM** have asked each of you here today to witness their marriage. In a marriage, a man and a woman bind themselves in love, forming a new covenant for what will be a long and enduring future together. We remember that marriage is a time when growing love is made public, when two people share mutual promises before family and friends. And so, we come here today to celebrate their joy, their love and their expectations.*

WORDS TO THE BRIDE AND GROOM

***GROOM and BRIDE**, remember always that love, loyalty, and trust are the foundations of a lasting and happy union. As you strive to fulfill the commitment that you declare to one another here, your life together can be increasingly full of joy, satisfaction, and peace. I encourage you to hold fast to the vision and the promise of this special day.*

***GROOM and BRIDE**, I remind you that marriage is a precious gift; a lifelong dedication to love and a daily challenge to love one another more fully and more freely.*

Marriage is a promise, made in the hearts of two people who love each other, which takes a lifetime to fulfill. Within the circle of this love, marriage encompasses all of life's most important relationships. A wife and a husband are each other's lover, teacher, listener, critic, and best friend. It is into this state that you are about to enter.

DECLARATION OF INTENT

***To the GROOM:** Do you before these witnesses take this woman to be your lawfully wedded wife; And do you promise that from this day forward you will be her faithful husband, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, honor and cherish, and to keep yourself only unto her, till death do you part?*

GROOM'S RESPONSE: I DO

***To the BRIDE:** Do you before these witnesses take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband; And do you promise that from this day forward you will be his faithful wife, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, honor and cherish, and to keep yourself only unto him, till death do you part?*

BRIDE'S RESPONSE: I DO

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

***MINISTER:** From the earliest time, the circle of the wedding band has been a symbol of unending love, as well as an outward symbol of your commitment to one another and of the love and trust that you have placed in one another's care. As often as either of you sees these circles, you will be reminded of this tender moment and of the unending love that you promise to one another here today*

EXCHANGE OF VOWS

***TO THE GROOM:** Please take this ring and place it upon **BRIDE'S** left ring finger and repeat after me:*

*I, **GROOM**, take you **BRIDE**, to be my wedded wife. And I promise before these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful husband, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, with all that I am, and all that I have, and with all that I shall ever be, as long as we both shall live.*

***TO THE BRIDE:** Please take this ring and place it upon **GROOM'S** left ring finger and repeat after me:*

I, BRIDE, take you GROOM, to be my wedded husband. And I promise before these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful wife, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, with all that I am, and all that I have, and with all that I shall ever be, as long as we both shall live.

BRIDE and GROOM, let these rings serve not as locks binding you together, but as keys, unlocking the secrets of your hearts for each other to know, and thus bringing you closer together forever.

BENEDICTION

There is nothing more lovely in life than the union of two people whose love for one another has grown. May the love that you have found continue to grow and meaning, until its beauty is shown in a common devotion to all that is compassionate and life giving. May the flow of your love touch and bless us all with its grace and with its courage.

PRONOUNCEMENT

Now that BRIDE AND GROOM have pledged themselves to each Other by solemn vows and by the giving and receiving of rings, they now enter into the state of matrimony. And by the authority vested unto me, it is with great joy that I now pronounce that you are husband and wife.

TO THE GROOM

GROOM, you may now kiss your bride!