

## #2 MODERN WEDDING CEREMONY SCRIPT

### ***Welcome.***

**Officiant:** Good evening/morning/afternoon. NAME, NAME and I would like to welcome everyone on this special, most extraordinary day.

It's because of you—because of this strong community of friends and family—[NAME] and [NAME]'s relationship has strengthened and grown and led them to this very moment. Thank you for being here, now let's begin.

[NAME] and [NAME], what you've accomplished here today is no small feat. Your journey began way before you chose a venue like this, selected an Officiant like me, before you told your friends and family of your intention to marry. Even before you decided to spend the rest of your lives together.

Your journey began the moment you first met. You took the time to learn what makes the other person smile, what makes them laugh and how to best support them when life is less than simple.

You welcomed each other's families, communities, and lifelong friends, and joined them together with warmth and enthusiasm. You built a new village with your love and have worked every day to support this village as it changes and grows.

Marriages bring hard days, just as they bring beautiful ones. This day is a reminder of what your love has already accomplished, and the amazing possibilities of what it can continue to accomplish and overcome in the years ahead of you.

### ***Reading.***

**Officiant:** As our reading today, [NAME] has asked his/her cousin/person/friend to read (XXXXXXXXXX) to honor their vows.

***(Reading to proceed)***

***Wedding Vows.***

**Officiant:** [NAME] and [NAME], please take each other's hands and repeat after me:

**Couple:** [NAME], I swear to you/ that I will dedicate my life from this day forward/ to filling our days with beauty and laughter./ I will celebrate your spirit and all of your accomplishments/ work to inspire you/ and be here to remind you of your beauty and strength./ I take you today as my partner/ my confidant/ my other half/ and I will love you for the rest of my life.

**(Officiant turns to other partner and repeats the vows)**

**Officiant:** [NAME] and [NAME], do you take one another as partners, from this day forward, as husband and wife/husband and husband/wife and wife/spouse and spouse? Please respond with a hearty "We do!"

***(Couple says "We do!")***

**Officiant:** And to everyone here, do you promise to stand by this couple, to remind them of their vows, and to act as an example of love and family? If so, please give us all a hearty "We do!"

**(Crowd says "We do!")**

***Exchange of Rings.***

**Officiant:** [NAME] and [NAME] have chosen these rings to represent the unbreakable circle of life and love. Please place them on each other's ring fingers and repeat after me.

**Couple:** I give you this ring/ to remind you of this day/ when in front of our closest community/ we vowed that our love can overcome all things/ that our love unites, inspires and celebrates/ and will continue do so for the rest of our lives.

**Officiant:** [NAME] and [NAME], it is with such joy that I now send you out into the world to spread the beautiful light that you share with those around you.

By the power vested in me, I now, for the first time, pronounce you married.

Now please: kiss and go celebrate!