We are gathered here today in the sight of God, and the presence of friends and loved ones, to celebrate one of life's greatest moments. And to add our blessings and our best wishes to the words which shall unite GROOM and BRIDE in marriage.

If there is anyone present who thinks they have a reason why this couple should not be united, remain silent forever! Because these two have chosen each other on this day!

Who gives this woman to this man?

BRIDE and GROOM, marriage is the most important of all earthly relationships. It should be entered into reverently, thoughtfully and with full understanding of its sacred nature. Your marriage must stand by the strength of your love and the power of faith in each other and in God. Just as two threads woven in opposite directions form a beautiful tapestry, so to your two lives when merged together will make a beautiful marriage.

Marriage is the promise between two people who love each other, who honor each other as individuals, and who choose to spend the rest of their lives together.

This ceremony is a symbol of the promises you will make to each other to continue to growing stronger as individuals and as partners. No matter what challenges you face, you now face them together, and no matter how much you succeed, you now succeed together. The love between you joins you now as one.

God gives you Christ as the foundation of your marriage. ‘Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you. In a word, live together in the forgiveness of your sins, for without it no human fellowship, least of all a marriage, can survive. Don’t insist on your rights, don’t blame each other, don’t judge or condemn each other, don’t fault with each other, but accept each other as you are, and forgive each other every day from the bottom of your hearts.

During his ministry, Jesus was asked the question, “What is the greatest law that mankind must follow?” He answered them saying, “love God with all your hearts and other people as yourself.” I firmly believe that when he said these words he touched upon something we all feel very deeply in our hearts, and that is that love is the greatest gift we can offer one and other, and that is what makes marriage so very special and such a cause of joy and celebration for all of us who have come here today to share in this event and witness GROOM and BRIDE’s love and commitment one to another.

**Genesis 2:18-24**

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken from, and is like I am.” Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

This is the attitude you take in marriage. You will not neglect your families or friends, but your allegiance in now to each other first and foremost.

**I DOs**
GROOM, do you take BRIDE to be your Wife cherishing her with a husband’s love and devotion?

BRIDE, do you take GROOM to be your Husband cherishing him with a wife’s love and devotion.

**1Cor. 13:4-8**

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.

**VOWS (face each other and repeat after me)**
I, GROOM take you BRIDE/ to be my wife, my partner in life/

and my one true love/

I will cherish our friendship/ and love you today/, tomorrow/, and forever.
I will trust you and honor you
I will laugh with you and cry with you.
Through the best and the worst,
Through the difficult and the easy.
Whatever may come I will always be there.
As I have given you my hand to hold
So I give you my life to keep
So help me God

I, BRIDE take you GROOM/ to be my Husband/, my partner in life/ and my one true love/. I will cherish our friendship/ and love you today/, tomorrow/, and forever.
I will trust you and honor you
I will laugh with you and cry with you.
Through the best and the worst,
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**Ring Ceremony**
The ring is a symbol of the unbroken circle of love. Love freely given has no beginning and no end, no giver and no receiver for each is the giver and each is the receiver. May these rings always remind you of the vows you have here taken.

Ring Exchange (who has the rings) (repeat after me)
I GROOM/, take you, BRIDE/ to be my Wife/- To have and to hold/, in sickness and in health/, for richer or for poorer/, in joy and sorrow/, and I promise my love to you/. And with this ring, I take you as my Wife/, for as long as we both shall live.

I BRIDE/, take you GROOM/, to be my Husband/. To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer/, in joy and sorrow/, and I promise my love to you/. And with this ring/, I take you as my husband/, for as long as we both shall live.

**Closing**

“Love means many things. It means giving. It means sharing. It means forgiving. It means understanding. It means being patient. It means learning. And you must always consider the other side, the other person. You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.”

So, GROOM and BRIDE cherish each other in big ways and in small ways.

In marriage, remember that it is the little things that make the difference.

Share each other's life - even the small details.

Speak your mind honestly, openly, but with kindness.

Most of all each day, be sure to hold each other and fall in love all over again

**Admonitions from Proverbs**

BRIDE: “A wife of noble character is her husband’s crown.”

BRIDE: Crown your husband daily with virtuous living which is of a noble character. Live with honesty and the highest order of integrity, trust and respect. As you do today; always adore your husband.

GROOM: “He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.”

“A wife of noble character; who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.”

GROOM – You have been tested and found worthy of God’s blessing. You have been given a woman, not just any woman, but a rare and precious jewel in BRIDE as your wife. Therefore…Cherish her!

(To Both) “May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.”

May God’s richest blessings be upon your lives!

**Wedding Prayer**
Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love.

We thank you, also, for consecrating the union of marriage.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this man and this woman.

Defend them from every enemy, and lead them into all peace.

Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death.

Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their heads.

**Pronouncement of couple as Husband and Wife**
GROOM and BRIDE, for as much as you have come together today in matrimony, and have vowed your love to each other before God and those here present, and have exchanged rings as a token of those vows, I by the power vested in me pronounce that you are husband and wife.

GROOM, you may kiss your Wife.

I would like to introduce Mr. and Mrs. GROOM and BRIDE Last Name