We are gathered here today in the presence of friends and loved ones, to celebrate one of life's greatest moments. We are here to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, and to add our best wishes and blessings to the words that will unite Bride and Groom in matrimony.

If there is anyone present who has any reason why this couple should not be united, be silent forever!  This couple has chosen each other on this day…

Who gives this **woman** to be married to this man? (Father or family member)

Today we have come together to witness the joining of these two lives. For them, out of the routine of ordinary life, the extraordinary has happened. They met each other, fell in love and are finalizing it with their wedding today.

Romance is fun, but true love is something far more and it is their desire to love each other for life and that is what we are celebrating here today.

A good marriage must be built by both partners
In marriage the "little" things are the memorable things.
It is never being too old to flirt.
It is remembering to say, “I love you" each day.
It is never going to sleep angry.
It is standing and facing the world together
It is speaking words of appreciation, and showing gratitude in thoughtful ways.
It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.
It is answering softly even when we have been hurt.
It is a common search for that that is right and honorable.
It is not only marrying the right person -- it is being the right partner

**VOWS (face each other and hold hands)(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

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,
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

GROOM AND BRIDE, I would ask that you always treat yourself and each other with respect, and remind yourselves often of what brought you together today.

Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness and kindness that your marriage deserves. When frustration and difficulty assail your marriage - as they do to every relationship at one time or another - focus on what still seems right between you, not only the part that seems wrong.

If you do this, focus on what is right, then if clouds of trouble hide the joy in your marriage and you lose sight of it for a moment, you can remember that that deep joy is still there. And if each of you will take responsibility for the quality of your life together, it will be marked by abundance and happiness.

**I Do’s**
GROOM, do you take BRIDE to be your Wife? ("I do")
Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect her, forsaking all others and holding only unto her forevermore? ("I do")

BRIDE, do you take GROOM to be your Husband? ("I do")
Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him, forsaking all others and holding only unto him forevermore? ("I do")

**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/. 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/. I promise my love to you/. And with this ring/, I take you as my husband/, for as long as we both shall live.

 “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.”

To make your relationship work will take love. This is the core of your marriage and why you are here today.

It will take trust, to know, that in your hearts, you truly want what is best for each other.

It will take dedication, to stay open to one another - and to learn and grow together

It will take faith to go forward together not knowing exactly what the future brings

And it will take commitment, to hold true to the journey you both have pledged to today.

**Pronouncement of couple as Husband and Wife.**

Forasmuch as you both have consented together in matrimony, and have witnessed the same before we here gathered, and have pledged your love each to the other, and have declared the same by joining hands and by giving and receiving rings; I, by the power entrusted to me, pronounce that you are husband and wife.

**Groom, you may kiss your lovely Wife.**

**With great joy I introduce to you Mr. and Mrs. Groom and Bride Last Name**