



Wedding Ceremony of «Bride» and «Groom» On «Wedding Date»

Friends, we have come together to witness the marriage of
«**Bride**» and «**Groom**».

There is a special status to the words of the traditional wedding ceremony, for as they are spoken, everyone present remembers times, they have heard these words before.

The familiarity of everyone with the words makes a powerful statement about the importance of the occasion. It reminds the couple that they are embarking on a road, which is well established in our history and culture.

The legal requirements of the state of Maine having been fulfilled by the presentation of the marriage certificate, I must ask of each party if they come of their own free will and accord.

«**Groom**», do you come into this union of your own free will, and with the intention of being faithful in marriage to «**Bride**»?

«**Groom**»: I do.

«**Bride**», do you come into this union of your own free will, and with the intention of being faithful in marriage to «**Groom**»?

«**Bride**»: I do.

Who give this woman in marriage to this man?

Bride's father or escort: I do.

«**Groom**» and «**Bride**», the wedding commitment is among the most serious of all decisions. By your declaration before one another and those present, shows that you recognize the importance of your pledge and that you are committed to honor it for the rest of your lives. You are allowing us to share in your love.

I remind you that love and loyalty are the foundation of a happy and enduring home. The future is unknown to any of us, yet your love for one another and trust will make possible the act of faith you now make in our midst

«**Groom**» and «**Bride**», as you exchange your vows of faithfulness, we will be listening and supporting you with our love. As you make your promises to each other, we will be reminded of promises we have made and be moved to renew our own.

«**Groom**», it will be your duty to be to «**Bride**» a loving, faithful and tender husband; to support, guide, cherish and honor her, in want or in wealth, in joy or in sorrow, in sickness or in health, with unfailing faithfulness now and forever.

Will you «**Groom**», promise to care for «**Bride**» in the joys and sorrows of life, come what may, and to share the responsibility for growth and enrichment of your life together?

«**Groom**»: I will.

«**Bride**», it will be your duty to be to «**Groom**» a loving and faithful wife; to guide, cherish and honor him, in want or in wealth, in joy or in sorrow, in sickness or in health, with unfailing faithfulness now and forever.

Will you «**Bride**», promise to care for «**Groom**» in the joys and sorrows of life, come what may, and to share the responsibility for growth and enrichment of your life together?

«**Bride**»: I will.

The wedding ring is the traditional symbol of the pledges exchanged on the wedding day. The ring is the symbol of the promises binding two people together in a special relationship. It is the promises themselves, which are important, but a ring is the physical reminder of ties as well; ties which can not be seen by the human eye.

This token of unity is as the circle, without a beginning or an end, and with no point of weakness – and is a reminder of unending strength. This symbol of unending love and devotion will now bind your lives forever.

«**Groom**», please repeat after me as you place your gift of a ring upon «**Bride**»'s finger:

Here among friends and family – I, «**Groom**» - wish for us both, «**Bride**», - a marriage of love – and laughter – of tears and then hope – where I am free to touch you – when you are sad – and you to hug me – when I am happy – where my heart is open to yours – and yours to mine – always – I love you – the friend and equal you are – the woman who helps me to grow – and be one with myself – I will be faithful to you – I will work with you – so that our marriage can mean forever – In good times and bad – I am your partner – I am your husband – I love you.

«**Bride**», please repeat after me as you place your gift of a ring upon «**Groom**»'s finger:

Here among friends and family – I, «**Bride**», wish for us both, «**Groom**» - a marriage of love – and of laughter – of tears and then hope – where I am free to touch you – when you are sad – you to hug me – when I am happy – where my heart is open to yours – and yours to mine – always – I love you – the friend and equal you are – the man who helps me to grow – and be one with myself – I will be faithful to you – I will work with you – so that our marriage can mean forever – in good times and bad – I am your partner – I am your wife – I love You.

«**Groom**» and «**Bride**», for as much as you have entered into the honorable estate of matrimony by mutual promises, by the authority committed unto me as a Notary Public for the state of Maine, I pronounce you husband and wife!

«**Groom**», you may kiss your bride.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. «**Groom**» «**Last Name**».