

With whose blessings does Bride come this day to be married?

Please be seated.

On behalf of Groom and Bride, I welcome you and thank you all for gathering here on this beautiful day to witness their marriage ceremony. Doubly blessed is the couple which comes to the marriage altar with the approval and blessings of their families and friends.

Many of you have given them much happiness, love and guidance through various stages of their lives. They would like to sincerely thank you all for being here to celebrate their big day. A special and respectful acknowledgement must also be made to those friends and family members who were unable to attend, or have passed on, but whose spirit remains alive and strong in all our hearts.

I have also been asked by Groom and Bride to thank their parents for the wonderful lives they have been given, for the hard work and guidance they have provided and for their everlasting love, support and encouragement. It is from them that they have learned the true meaning of love, friendship and family.

Short opening prayer reading of 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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

CEREMONY:

For Groom and Bride marriage is an affirmation of life, an undying commitment, a spiritual, emotional and intellectual bond between two people. It is created from the purest of friendship, respect and love. The institution of marriage is not entered into lightly, because it symbolizes commitment on every level. Together you will continue to meet the challenges and obstacles of life head on.

Marriage is an adventure in the most intimate of human relationships; it is the mutual commitment of two people sincerely in love who share the same dreams about life. It is the fusion of two hearts, the union of two lives. It is sharing that does not diminish but enhances the individuality of each

partner. To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.

The marriage between Groom and Bride does not mark the beginning of a new relationship; rather, it is an acknowledgement and celebration, of a relationship that has been flourishing since they met.

Love is life's highest emotion. It makes us less selfish, it makes our personalities grow, and it makes our lives more meaningful. Love makes burdens lighter because you divide them. It makes joy more intense because you share them. And it makes you stronger so you can reach out and become involved with life in ways you dared not risk alone. When two people love each other, they look in the same direction together, they look to bring more truth and love into the world, and in their marriage assist each other in doing so.

A successful relationship takes more than just love. It takes trust, to know in your hearts that you want only the best for each other. It takes dedication to stay open to one another even when it is difficult to do so. And it takes faith, to go forward together without knowing what the future holds for you both.

Groom and Bride, The foundation of your love is profound friendship. One that began 2 years ago and that you have nurtured until at last you realized that you wanted to be together always. That your enjoyment of life together is much more than it is when you are apart. The choice was not made by any one moment, but by being together you grew to realize that you belonged together.

You have chosen to walk through life together. There is no truer statement of love.

The commitment you make today will be the foundation on which you will build your life together

Groom and Bride These hands that you hold on this your wedding day as you promise to love each other all the days of your lives are the hands of your best friend. These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future. We ask God's blessings upon these hands,

making their life together a sign of Groomt's love, that they may grow in love and peace with you and with one another all the days of their life.

Groom and Meaghan are you now ready to make your promises to each other?

Groom, in the presence of God, your family and friends, do you offer Bride your solemn vow to be her faithful partner in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad, and in joy as well as sorrow all the days of your lives?

Bride, in the presence of God, your family and friends, do you offer Groom your solemn vow to be his faithful partner in sickness and in health, in good time and in bad, and in joy as well as sorrow all the days of your lives?

Alternate wording:

You are the most wonderful person who has come into my life. You were the missing piece of my life and now you have made me complete. I love you and I want you to be my spouse, my constant friend, my faithful partner and my love from this day forward. I promise to give you my unconditional love, and to make you as happy as you make me feel each day, to support you in your goals, to honor and respect you, to laugh with you and cry with you, and to cherish you all the days of our lives.

The rings please:

Your wedding rings represent the unconditional love that you have for one another and are a symbol of the vows that you will make today. Groom, take this ring and put it on Bride's finger and repeat after me:

Bride as I take you as my wife I promise that I will cherish our friendship And love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

I will trust you and respect you.
I will laugh and cry with you.

I will love you faithfully and unconditionally
Through the best and the worst, the difficult and the easy.

Whatever, may come, I promise I will always be there for you.

Bride, take this ring and put it on Groom's finger and repeat after me:

Groom as I take you to be my husband, I promise that I will cherish our friendship

And love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

I will trust you and respect you.

I will laugh and cry with you.

I will love you faithfully and unconditionally

Through the best and the worst, the difficult and the easy.

Whatever, may come, I promise I will always be there for you.

For the vows and the ring wording, it can be repeated after me or I can present as a question that you answer yes to.

A reading from

Colossians 3:12-14 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone, forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

We, who are present today, hope that the memory and the joy of your wedding ceremony will never be forgotten. May all of your days and years to come be filled with vision, joy and passion. May the love you now share continue to grow and may the happiness you bring to each other be a continuing part of your life together. Be open to God's many blessings, and the strength and joy they provide. May the people you touch in your lifetime see and experience how much you love and care for one another and may you love one another forever.

With the blessings of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, the love of your family, and by the laws of the State of Oregon, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

Celebrate and seal your marriage with a kiss.

Friends and family it is my great honor and privilege to present you the happy couple.

