

We are gathered together today to celebrate the very special love between Groom and Bride, by joining them in marriage. If anyone can show why they may not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

Father: I Do

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.

Many of you have given them much happiness, love, warmth, and guidance through the 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 gifts of love and compassion will always be remembered and cherished.

We are certain they are here today in spirit. In their memory, let us be silent together for a moment.

I have also been asked by Groom and Bride to thank their parents, (parent names) for the wonderful lives they have given them, for the hard work and guidance they have provided, for their everlasting love, support, and encouragement.

It is from them that they have learned the true meaning of love, friendship and family.

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.

Groom and Bride, You have known each other from the first glance of acquaintance to this point of commitment.

At some point, you decided to marry. From that moment of yes to this moment of yes, you have been making promises and agreements in an informal way.

All those conversations that were held riding in a car or over a meal or during long walks – all those sentences that began with “When we’re married” and continued with “I will and you will and we will”- those late night talks that included “someday” and “somehow” and “maybe”- and all those promises that are unspoken matters of the heart.

All these common things, and more, are the real process of a wedding. The symbolic vows that you are about to make are a way of saying to one another, “

You know all those things we’ve promised and hoped and dreamed- well, I meant it all, every word.”

Look at one another and remember this moment in time.

Before this moment you have been many things to one another- acquaintance, friend, companion, lover, dancing partner, and even teacher, for you have learned much from one another in these last few years.

Now you shall say a few words that take you across a threshold of life, and things will never quite be the same between you. For after these vows, you shall say to the world, this- is my husband, this- is my wife ”

Vows and ring exchange(Repeat after officiant)

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I, Groom, take you, Bride to be my friend, my lover, the mother of my children and my wife. I will be yours in times of plenty and in times of want, in times of sickness and in times of health, in times of joy and in times of sorrow, in times of failure and in times of triumph.

I promise to cherish and respect you, to care and protect you, to comfort and encourage you, and stay with you, for all eternity. I give you this ring to wear with love and joy. As a ring has no end, neither shall my love for you.

I, Bride, take you, Groom, to be my friend, my lover, the father of my children and my Husband. I will be yours in times of plenty and in times of want, in times of sickness and in times of health, in times of joy and in times of sorrow, in times of failure and in times of triumph.

I promise to cherish and respect you, to care and protect you, to comfort and encourage you, and stay with you, for all eternity. I give you this ring to wear with love and joy. As a ring has no end, neither shall my love for you.

Groom and Bride, remember to treat both yourself and each other with respect, and remind yourselves often of what brought you together. Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness and kindness that your connection deserves. 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, to learn and grow, 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.

And now by the power vested in me by the State of Oregon, I pronounce you husband and wife!

You May Now Kiss The Bride!

Ladies and Gentlemen: It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you for the first time as a married couple Mr and Mrs Groom Lewis.