

## Ceremony #1

Minister:

We are gathered together to witness the outer acceptance on the inner marriage of BRIDE & GROOM'S NAMES.

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

Father or who ever is appropriate:

I DO

Marriage is one of the most important commitments that any two people make in their lifetime. Marriage offers the greatest challenges to overcome, but in return, marriage gives us love, strength and support from one another. It is the couple who perseveres and demonstrates unrelenting patience and faith who obtains the highest form of happiness within their marriage. A good marriage is dependent upon many factors, but the first prerequisite is a strong bond of friendship and respect for one another. Your love for each other will grow deeper with the passing of each day, but genuine liking for each other, the willingness to accept each other's strong and weak points with understanding and respect, is the foundation for a strong marriage.

Real love, through each, recognizes and affirms the Godliness of the other, real love through each, affirms the creative spirit in the other.

“He who knoweth not love, knoweth not God, for God is love.”

(from *Jesus' Love*)

“Go where Love leads you, for it is the way, and the power, and the destination, and it will meet you there in joy. Love is its own Heaven, its own rightness. In Love everything is right. It is its own approval. Center your purpose in Love, and Love itself is your needs fulfilled, your approval, your praise, your joy, your success, your Heaven. To give yourself away, in Love, is the greatest joy you can ever know.”

Minister to bride and groom:

Today your separate lives with their individual memories, desires and hopes, are merged into one.

Minister to groom:

Do you, GROOM'S NAME, freely choose to take this woman as your lawful wedded wife to love and honor her as you do your true self?

Groom to minister:

I Do

Minister to Bride:

Do you, BRIDE'S NAME, freely choose to take this man as your lawful wedded husband to love and honor him as you do your true self?

Bride to minister:  
I DO

(Minister to couple, please hold hands". BRIDE passes bouquet to maid of honor

Minister to groom:

Please repeat after me:

In the Spirit of love and unity, I, GROOM'S NAME, marry you, BRIDE'S NAME, merging my life and its purpose with yours and shall endeavor to love and honor you as I do my true self.

Minister to bride:

Please repeat after me:

In the Spirit of love and unity, I, BRIDE'S NAME, marry you, GROOM'S NAME, merging my life and its purpose with yours and shall endeavor to love and honor you as I do my true self.

Ring Exchange:

Minister to both:

What token to you give to each other in love? (Minister holds the rings and says)

These rings are a symbol of unity – two hearts as one – and of mutual respect and love for one another.

Minister to bride:

As such, will you place it upon his finger and repeat after me.

(Minister hands ring to bride and she places ring on third finger of left hand of groom)

“Let this ring, ever be the symbol of our love. As a token of our devotion, I place it upon your hand.”

Minister to groom: Repeat after me.

“As a token of our devotion, I give it place upon my hand.”

Repeat process with second ring for bride.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, the one God of all, we thank you for the unification in true love of Charlotte and Ron. We know that love never dies, but if unshackled by fear or misunderstanding can only grow and blossom, deeper, broaden, and be exalted as these lives go on together. May the minds and hearts of these two be open to the recognition of new beauty in one another each day of their live together. May their love be a never ending process of growing into greater wisdom and a deeper understanding of themselves, of one another, and of life. May they receive the abundance of life manifested from the creative spirit and the blessings of love as they share themselves in

union together. May they serve fruitfully their mission on earth in spirit of love. Thank you god.  
And so it is.

Minister to couple:

In as much as you, BRIDE & GROOM'S NAMES, have consented before God and these witnesses to join together in marriage merging your lives and purposes with one another, and endeavoring to love and honor one another as you do your own true selves,

In the presence of God and by the power invested in me as an ordained minister by the state of \_\_\_\_\_, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

In the name of the father the son, and the Holy Spirit, and of the divine nature of each of you,  
amen.

(Bride and groom kiss if desired)

Minister introduces the couple