

Ceremony #2

Minister:

We are gathered together to witness the outer acceptance on the inner marriage of ____ and _____.

It is written that there are no marriages in heaven, for heaven is a state of harmony for the angels, and a haven for attuned completed souls.

They require no bonds to unify them in the free and joyous express of love.

On earth, however, marriage is a symbol of unification in spirit, mind and body of individual souls.

Today we shall recognize two souls who are already unified in the one spirit.

Nevertheless, in the name of love and free volition, these two aspects of the one desire to share individual gifts, expression, and searching for truth, in the intimacy of the earthly state of marriage.

(If the bride is to be given away)

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

(Father or male friend of bride)

“I DO”

(Father or male friend of bride then steps back and takes his seat.)

Minister to Audience:

This marriage is to signify not a bond but a free joining of spirit, mind, and body in unified consciousness of love – to perform its express on earth. That which has been joined together in spirit cannot be put asunder by those on earth nor can earth bind by wedlock two hearts, which are divinely free.

For this cause was man and woman created as such; to love one another, and to join together with god in the creation of new life.

“But make not a bond of love. Love possesses not nor would it be possessed; for love is sufficient unto love. Love gives naught but itself and takes naught but form itself.”

Reading from “The Prophet” by Kahlil Gibran if desired.

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, _____, 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, _____, 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, _____, marry you, _____, 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, _____, marry you, _____, merging my life and its purpose with yours and shall endeavor to love and honor you as I do my true self.

Ring ceremony:

What token do you give in love?

(wedding ring is passed to minister)

(Minister holds the ring up, saying to the audience)

This ring is 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 bride 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.

(same process to groom if double ring ceremony)

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, the one God of all, we thank you for the unification in true love of _____ and _____.

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, _____ and _____, 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 California, 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)

I now present to you a _____

Alternate prayer:

God of all, we thank you for the marriage of _____. 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 and the blessings of love as they journey together. Amen