

## Non-Denominational Level 2

### Short & Sweet

“Who gives this woman to be married to this man?” “I do.”

To Guests: You May be seated

#### **Welcome**

“Dear friends and family, with great affection for (Groom) and (Bride) we have gathered together to witness and bless their union in marriage. To this sacred moment they bring the fullness of their hearts as both a treasure and a gift from God to share with another. They bring the dreams which bind them together in an eternal commitment. They bring their gifts and talents, their unique personalities and spirits, all of which God will unite together into one being as they build their life together. We rejoice with them in thankfulness to the Lord for creating this union of hearts, built on friendship, respect and love.

#### **Opening Prayer**

Join us as we pray: ‘Our Father, love has been your richest and greatest gift to the world. Love between a man and a woman which matures into marriage is one of your most beautiful types of love. Today we celebrate this love. May your blessing be on this wedding service. Protect, guide and bless (Groom) and (Bride) in this marriage. Surround them and us with your love now and always, and let us say Amen.’

#### **Address**

The key to love is inside us all – it takes time and patience to unlock all the ingredients that will take you to its threshold. It is the continual learning process that demands a lot of work...but the rewards are more than worth the effort – and that is the key to love. This is now your love, and our Blessings upon you today.

#### **Vows : Choose 1**

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And now, in the presence of these guests and before God, we join this loving couple in Holy Marriage.

##### **Vows: (Choose One)**

Option 1: Your Own Vows

Option 2: I Do Vows:

(Groom) do you take (Bride) to be your wife, to live together in holy matrimony? To love, honor, and cherish her, to keep her in sickness and in health, for as long as you both shall live?

(Bride), do you take (Groom) to be your husband, to live together in holy matrimony? To love, honor, and cherish him, to keep him in sickness and in health, for as long as you both shall live?

Option 3: Repeat After Vows:

(Groom), repeat after me: I (groom), take you (bride) to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part.

(Bride), repeat after me: I (Bride), take you (Groom) to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part.

### **Rings:**

“The exchange of wedding rings is a visible symbol of an inward bond which unites two loyal hearts in endless love. It is the seal of the vows you two have just made to one another. It symbolizes living together in unity, love and happiness for the rest of your lives.

(Bride): “Place the band on (Grooms) ring finger and repeat after me:

“With this ring I thee wed.”

(Groom): “Place the band on (Brides) ring finger and repeat after me:

“With this ring I thee wed.”

“May this covenant of two hearts in love be everlasting.”

### **Closing:**

“Treat yourselves 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. When frustration, difficulty and fear assail your relationship – as they threaten all relationships at one time or another – remember to focus on what is right between you, not only the part which seems wrong. In this way, you can ride out the storms when clouds hide the face of the sun in your lives – remembering that even if you lose sight of it for a moment, the sun is still there. And if each of you takes responsibility for the quality of your life together, it will be marked by abundance and delight.”

### **Pronouncement**

By virtue of the power vested in me by ordination and the given authority of the Congregation of Mankind, I hereby proclaim you (Groom) and (Bride), to be Husband and Wife.

“May God bless you and keep you, and cause His countenance to shine upon you and be gracious to you, and for all the days of your life, May God Grant you Peace. Amen”

### **Kiss**

You may kiss your Bride

### **Introduction**

I present to you the (Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_)!