

Non Religious: level 2  
Sweet & Simple

Who gives this bride to this man? (I do or her mother & I do etc)

Welcome

Good evening, and welcome to the ceremony that will unite (Groom) and (Bride) in marriage.

Please be seated

We gather here today to celebrate their union, and to honor their commitment to not just gazing at one another, but to looking outward together in the same direction.

Today (Groom) and (Bride) proclaim their love to the world, and we rejoice with and for them.

In marriage, we give ourselves freely and generously into the hands of the one we love, and in doing so, each of us receives the love and trust of the other as our most precious gift. But even as that gift is shared by two people who are in love, it also touches the friends and family members who in various ways support and contribute to the relationship. All of you are (Groom's) and (Bride's) community, and each of you has played some part in bringing them to this moment. This is why gathering as a community is such an important part of a wedding ceremony. Because John and Susan are now taking a new form as a married couple, and in this form, they become part of their community in a new way.

Address:

(Groom) and (Bride), we are here to remember and rejoice with you and to recount with one another that it is love that guides us on our path, and to celebrate as you begin this journey together. It is in this spirit that you have come here to today to exchange these vows. Please face each other and join hands

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

For thousands of years lovers have exchanged rings as a token of their vows.

These simple gold bands are not of great value in themselves, but are made precious by our wearing of them.

Your rings say that even in your uniqueness you have chosen to be bound together.

Let these rings also be a sign that love has substance as well as soul, a present as well as a past, and that, despite its occasional sorrows, love is a circle of happiness, wonder, and delight.

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

Just as this circle is without end, my love for you is eternal. Just as it is made of indestructible substance my commitment to you will never fail. With this ring I take you to be my trusted confidante and partner for life.

(Bride) put the ring on (Groom's) finger and repeat after me:

Just as this circle is without end, my love for you is eternal Just as it is made of indestructible substance  
my commitment to you will never fail With this ring I take you to be my trusted confidante and partner for life.

PRONOUNCEMENT

Inasmuch as you have consented together in this ceremony to live in wedlock and have sealed your vows in the  
presence of this assembly and by the giving of these rings, it gives me great pleasure to pronounce that you are Husband  
and Wife.