

### **Welcome family and friends:**

*This is the holiday season which is filled with love, hope and peace. Christmas weddings are romantic, magical and elegant. The family gathers at this time of year, lights twinkle and everything has a festive air. What a wonderful time for a wedding.*

*As the custom of the holiday season is to exchange gifts, We will witness Bride and Groom exchanging here today the gift of love, for Love is the greatest gift of all. Bride and Groom wish these gifts of love, hope and peace for each other for Life's most beautiful things are not seen with the eyes, but felt within the heart.*

*Love is the greatest gift we can offer one another, and that is what makes marriage so very special and such a cause of joy and celebration for all of us who have come here today to share in this event.*

### **Address:**

**(Bride and Groom):**

*"Marriage Means Being In Love for the Rest of Your Life "by Chris Ardis  
Marriage is love walking hand in hand together .It's laughing with each other about silly little things, and learning to discuss big things with care and tenderness. In marriage, love is trusting each other when you're apart .It's getting over disappointments and hurts ,knowing that these are present in all relationships .It's the realization that there is no one else in this world that you'd rather be with than the one you're married to .It's thinking of new things to do together; It's growing old together. Marriage is being in love for the rest of your life.*

### **Reading:**

*As we read in the bible: **1 Corinthians 13:1-13***

*"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these gifts is love."*

### **Intent**

*(Bride & Groom) are you ready to give each other the gift of love, peace, and hope? ((Both: I am)*

*Please face each other and join hands*

### **Vows:**

*With this understanding, do you Groom take Bride to be your beloved wife?*

*Do you promise to be a tender, faithful husband? Do you promise to love, honor, and cherish her, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse and to be faithful only to him for so long as you both shall live?"I Do"*

*With this understanding, do you Bride take Groom to be your beloved husband?*

*Do you promise to be a tender, faithful wife? Do you promise to love, honor, and cherish him, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse and to be faithful only to him for as long as you both shall live?  
"I Do"*

**Rings:** *May I have the rings?*

**Ring Blessing:**

*The circle of a ring symbolizes unity and endless love. Such love has no beginning and no end. No giver and no receiver. You are the beginning and the ending, both the receiver and the giver. As you give these rings to each other, our prayer is that your love will continue in precious unity forever. Wear these rings as symbols of your love for one another and of what you have pledged this day.*

*(Groom) take this ring and place it upon (Bride's) finger and say to her  
I give this ring as my gift to you as a symbol of my love and of the vows I have spoken. May this ring forever be to you the symbol of my love.*

*(Bride) take this ring and place it upon (Groom's) finger and say to him...  
I give this ring as my gift to you as a symbol of my love and of the vows I have spoken. May this ring forever be to you the symbol of my love.*

***Optional: Unity Candle, Sand Ceremony, God's Knot, Handfasting etc)***

**Final Blessing**

*BRIDE and GROOM, May your love be as beautiful on each day you share as it is on this day of celebration, and may each day you share be as precious to you as the day you first fell in love. May you always see and encourage the best in each other. May the challenges that life brings your way make your marriage even stronger.. .and may you always be each other's best friend and greatest love.*

**Pronouncement:**

*GROOM and BRIDE, you have exchanged the most beautiful gift of love here today and promised each other the joy of all your days, by the virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of the state of Florida, it gives me great honor and pleasure to now pronounce you husband and wife.*

**Kiss**

*You may seal your vows with a kiss*

**Introduction:**

*Family and Friends for the first time as husband and wife Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_*