

The Greatest Gift

Welcome

Welcome family & friend's! _____ & _____ would like to thank you for being with them on this special day. They appreciate you taking the time to join them and support them on their very wedding day. This is truly an amazing day. We are here to witness and celebrate love. Today _____ & _____ will hold each others' hands, making the ultimate commitment of two individuals to each other.

Memorial/Parent Blessing can go here (optional)

Address:

_____ & _____

Adam and Eve had the most perfect marriage in history! They didn't have preconceived expectations of what married life would be like, or the roles both partners will play in daily life, Or In-Laws and families discussions. In fact, Eve never talked about her ex boyfriends and Adam didn't talk about how great his mom's cooking is! But you were given the greatest gift between two persons, the gift of love. You were given two hands to hold, to legs to walk, Two eyes to see and two ears to listen; But only one heart! the other one was given to someone else to seek and find, and You both searched and found each other's hearts. Once you found them there came a special moment when you both made a decision to create a marriage. A healthy loving relationship; a safe place where two lovers can be themselves, two spirits merging together as one. Today is the day you begin your new life to discover new things about each other, to allow your love to grow more and more each day. What is the greatest gift you could give yourself or your loved one? The answer is you - the real you, the one who lives in truth, the one who has an open heart that can both give and receive love.

Reading: You may have a guest read or I can read (optional)

_____ & _____ in just a few moments you will be stating your vows of commitment to each other and exchanging rings but before you do that I would like to read a poem called "The Ring" by Anthony W Carter. This captures the reason we are here today.

This Ring Words and Music: Anthony W. Carter

I've been waiting for this moment for so long~ An answered prayer, I know you are the one

I give to you my heart and soul ~With a love that will never grow old

In my life, I can see~ That you were made for me~ You'll be there to catch me if I fall~
All the days, I have prayed And the love that I have saved ~With this ring, I'm giving you my all

I thank God for the gift He has given me ~A love that's strong for all of eternity
I give to you all of my days~ With a love for all of your ways

In my life, I can see ~That you were made for me~ I'll be there to catch you if you fall
All the days, I have prayed ~And the love that I have saved ~With this ring, I'm giving you my all

In the days that we grow old ~The times may change ~but our love will remain
As we look back on this day now~ We stood the test of time~ Living the promise of our vow

In my life, I can see ~That you were made for me~ I'll be there to catch you if you fall
All the days, I have prayed ~And the love that I have saved~ With this ring, I'm giving you my all...

Vows:

The spaces between your fingers were created so that another's could fill them in. I ask you at this time to face each other and lock your fingers together as you proclaim your love to one another.

Option 1 : Repeat after Vows

_____, repeat after me: I, _____, take you _____, to be my wedded wife, To have and to hold from this day forward, For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, In sickness and in health, to love and to cherish as long as we both shall live.

_____, repeat after me: I, _____, take you _____, to be my wedded husband, To have and to hold from this day forward, For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, In sickness and in health, To love and to cherish as long as we both shall live.

Option 2: Respond "I Do" Vows:

Groom: Do you take bride to be your wedded wife? (I DO)

Do you promise to be a tender faithful husband? (I Do)

Do you promise to Love, Honor and cherish her in sickness and in Health, for richer or poorer, for better or for worse as long as you both shall live? (I Do)

Bride: Do You take Groom to be your wedded husband? (I DO)

Do you promise to be a tender faithful wife? (I Do)

Do you promise to Love, Honor and cherish him in sickness and in Health, for richer or poorer, for better or for worse as long as you both shall live? (I Do)

Option 3: Your own vows

Ring Exchange:

Rings:

Rings are a precious metal; they are also made precious by us wearing them. Your wedding rings are special they enhance who you are. They mark the beginning of your long journey together. Your wedding ring is a circle a symbol of love never ending. It is the seal of the vows you have just taken to love each other with end.

_____ please place the ring on Brides left hand and repeat after me:

A: I give you this ring as a symbol of my vows, I promise to love you today tomorrow always

B: I give you this ring that I am bound to you always through my love, with my soul and all of my heart

C: I give you this ring as a sign of my love that I have chosen you above all else with this ring I thee wed

Sand Ceremony, Unity Candle

Closing Blessing

"Navajo Wedding Blessing"

"Now you have lit a fire and that fire should not go out. The two of you now have a fire that represents love ,understanding, and a philosophy of life.

It will give you heat, food, warmth and happiness. The new fire represents a new

beginning -a new life and a new family. The fire is to be kept burning; you are meant to stay together .You have lit this fire for life, until only old age separates you.

Pronouncement:

And now in as much as you _____ and _____ commit to one another and have signified this by the exchanging of vows, and the giving and receiving rings I am pleased to say that in the eyes of all those who are here as witnesses, and by the power vested in me by the state of Florida I pronounce you husband and wife

Kiss

You may seal your marriage with a kiss

Unique gift of Roses (optional)

Introduction:

Family and Friends I am pleased to present to you for the first time Mr. & Mrs. _____

