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Wedding Introductions

A wedding introduction can be read by the celebrant or a friend of the couple. It can be read immediately the wedding party is in place, or in anticipation of the arrival of the party. One of the readings can be used just prior to the introduction itself.

No. 1

Today we are here to rejoice in the marriage of (Bride) and (Groom).

You are mature people who have established individual patterns of living. Yet you have found not only a need for companionship, but also the satisfaction of that need in each other's company. It is this love, based upon a responsible understanding, that will aid you in creating out of your two separate lives, a marriage and a happiness you will share together. Stand fast in hope and confidence, believing in yourself and believing in each other.

No. 2

Today, on your wedding day, you are fortunate to have around you your parents, relatives and friends, who rejoice with you in the celebration of your marriage. Through the example of your parents in a loving and understanding home, and the influence of your friends in your lives, you have become prepared for the type of commitment you will be making to each other - to be the best of friends as well as husband and wife.

By maintaining a solid foundation of friendship, which by its very nature is the most perfect love, you will be better able to work together as husband and wife. Your striving to become one will be enhanced by your success at remaining individuals, for only in that way can you complement each other and grow towards your mutual goals.

No. 3

We have come here today; to celebrate with (Groom) and (Bride) the occasion of their marriage.

(Bride) and (Groom) believe that marriage is a partnership where two individuals strive to grow for their mutual happiness; recognising that each partner has an individual life to lead, beliefs to maintain and talents to develop.

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They believe that the positive love and respect they have for each other, and which has brought them here today, will enable them to realise their dreams and potential.

The essence of this relationship is the acceptance of another person, in his or her entirety, as lover, companion and friend. Today, we want to say to you, (Groom) and (Bride), Let there be allowances for freedom of thought and independent action in your marriage, so that the sharing of your activities, done separately or together, develops a new purpose and enhances the quality of your lives.

No. 4

We have come here today, to witness the marriage of (Bride) and (Groom) wherein they hope to confirm the love and affection they have for each other.

Although this is a happy occasion, it is also a serious one. For marriage is the cornerstone of the family, and of the community; requiring of those who undertake it, a complete and unreserved giving of one's self. Marriage is intended to last until death, but can survive the difficulties and adversities of daily life, only if the parties live in the union of true affection, being loyal and helpful to one another, forsaking all others who might intrude upon the mutual obligation and fidelity of the married couple.

(Groom) and (Bride) have chosen us to be present with them, as they make their commitment to each other. We hope, that despite the stresses inevitable in any married life, their love and respect for each other will continually increase their contentment and joy in living, and that their home will not only bring happiness to their friends and family, but to all with whom they come in contact.

No. 5

On behalf of (Groom) and (Bride) and their families, I welcome you all to witness their marriage, and to share their happiness on this day.

All of us realise that love is one of the highest experiences that comes to humankind. At its best, it reduces our selfishness, deepens our personalities, and makes life far more meaningful.

So today, (Groom) and (Bride), as you proclaim your love for each other, all of us wish for you a love that makes both of you better people, that

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continues to give you joy and zest for living, that provides you with the energy to face the responsibilities of life.

And most of all, we wish that at the end of your lives, you will be able to say these two things to each other, Because you have loved me, you have given me faith in myself, and, Because I have seen the good in you, I have received from you a faith in humanity.

No. 6

We have come here today to witness the marriage of (Bride) and (Groom).

They have come gladly to this moment. They have already shared much of their lives together, and know that they get along well together. It has not been enough. And today they choose to make a deeper commitment to each other - a legal and binding contract. It is their way of telling each other that their experience together has been so good, that they want it to continue for the rest of their lives.

They have loved each other before this ceremony. They believe they will love each other more because of it.

No. 7

On behalf of (Groom) and (Bride) I welcome you to witness their marriage, and to share their happiness on this day.

(Bride) and (Groom) believe that marriage is the intimate sharing of two lives; a sharing that should not diminish, but enhance the individuality of each partner.

A marriage that lasts, is one which is continuously developing, and in which each partner is developing, while growing in understanding of each other. Thus it is possible to share, not only the joys and successes, but also the burden of sorrows and failures.

Those of us who are witnessing their commitment to each other, hope that they will continue to look for the best in each other, share their best with each other; and give their best selves the opportunity to flower and grow, so that in the years to come, they will be able to look over their lives spent together, with an abundance of gratitude, and a minimum of regret.

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No. 8

It is one of life's richest surprises when the accidental meeting of two life-paths leads them to a common path as husband and wife.

It is one of life's finest experiences when a casual relationship grows into a permanent bond of love. Such a meeting, and such a growth, brings us together today.

There is no greater gift than the love that makes two people one. And there is no greater indication of that love than the public commitment which unites two people as husband and wife. The union speaks of the great confidence by which people mutually rely upon, and believe in one another. In a world where faith often falls so short of our expectations, it a wonderful tribute to (Groom) and (Bride) to see them joining hands and hearts in perfect faith.

No. 9

We have come here today to witness and to participate in a ceremony celebrating the public acknowledgement of a love which (Groom) and (Bride) have for each other. By our presence here we are saying that they, together, are loved by many others; and that we recognise and honour their intention to live together as husband and wife.

We recognise that theirs is a love in which the trust and freedom of the other person is as significant as the trust and freedom of one's self. We hope for them a life of continual growth through patience, one for the other, and such experiences of sorrows as they may have will only strengthen their love for each other.

No. 10

We are gathered to witness the marriage of (Bride) and (Groom) who stand before us in love, in trust and in hope. They ask us to rejoice with them in their oneness and to share their joy.

They hope that we will sustain them and participate with them in daily celebration and renewing power of their love.

By our presence we undertake the responsibility for supporting (Groom) and (Bride) in their deeper relationship into which they are about to enter. Let us rejoice in their happiness, support them in times of testing, and offer them our patience and forgiveness when they make mistakes.

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Today (Groom) and (Bride) proclaim their love and commitment to the world, and we gather here to rejoice, with and for them, in the new life they now undertake together.

Marriage has many consequences, both social and personal. Marriage requires love which allows us to see beneath the surface, to the qualities which make our beloved special and unique. To see with loving eyes, is to know inner beauty. And to be loved is to be seen, and known, as we are known to no other. One who loves us, gives us a unique gift: a piece of ourselves, but a piece that only they could give us.

We who love, can look at each other's life and say, "I touched his life," or, "I touched her life," or "I was a part of this life, and it is a part of me". That is privilege of husband and wife - to be oneself, and yet another. That is the strength of marriage - to face the world with the courage of two.

It takes trust, to know in your hearts that you want only the best for each other. It takes dedication, to stay open to one another, to learn and grow, even when it is difficult to do so. And it takes faith, to go forward together without knowing what the future holds for you both. Living your life with love and faith is not a destination, but a journey.

No. 14

Both of you have come here today to express your deep love and commitment to each other. A wedding ceremony is an outward form. To be in truth it must be a symbol of something inner and real. A sacred personal union that a state declares legal but only love can create and mutual loyalty fulfill. The meaning of marriage begins with giving words. You cannot join yourselves to one another without giving your word. And this must be an unconditional giving, for in joining yourselves to one another, you join yourselves to the unknown.

What you alone think the marriage ought to be - it is not going to be. Where you alone think the marriage ought to go - it is not going to go. It is going where the two of you and marriage, life, time, history and the world is going to take it. You do not know the road you have committed your life to.

No. 15

Let your presence be welcome, your hearts be glad. For everything there is a season. And a time and purpose for every matter under heaven.

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And this is the time, and this is the place to celebrate the wedding of (Bride) and (Groom). We have come to do all those things, old and new, appropriate to such an occasion. To recognise in this event the place of family, friends, and the human community. To laugh and cry to sing and celebrate. And above all to rejoice in (Bride) and (Groom) love for each other, and all the possibilities that such a love carries with it.

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Marriage is a supreme sharing of experience in the most intimate of human relationships. It is a joyous union of two people whose comradeship and mutual understanding have flowered into love.

Marriage has many consequences, both social and personal. Marriage requires love which allows us to see beneath the surface, to the qualities which make our beloved special and unique. To see with loving eyes, is to know inner beauty. And to be loved is to be seen, and known, as we are known to no other. We who love, can look at each other's life and say, "I touched his life" or, "I touched her life", or, "I was part of this life, and it is a part of me".

That is privilege of husband and wife – to be oneself, and yet another. That is the strength of marriage – to face the world with the courage of two. It takes trust, to know in your hearts that you want only the best for each other. It takes dedication to stay open to one another; to learn and grow, even when it is difficult to do so. And it takes faith, to go forward without knowing what the future holds for you both. Living your life with love and faith is not a destination, but a journey.

No. 17

The meaning of marriage begins in the giving of words. We cannot join ourselves to one another without giving our word. And this must be an unconditional giving, for in joining ourselves to one another we join ourselves to the unknown. We can join one another only by joining the unknown. We must not be misled by the procedures of experimental thought; in life, in the world, we are never given two known results to choose between, but only one result; that we choose without knowing what it is...

Because the condition of marriage is worldly and its meaning communal, no one party to it can be solely in charge. What you alone think it ought to be, it is not going to be. Where you alone think you want it to go, it is not

Giving Away the Bride

Explanation: The ceremony can include the Father, the Mother, both parents, and other relative or friend of the couple and involve just the bride, or both the bride and groom. The ceremony takes part immediately after the introduction, or the first Reading. The person concerned holds the bride's arm until he or she answers to the question 'Who brings this woman to be married to this man?', after which the person places the bride's hand into the hand of the groom, and himself returns to join the rest of the guests.

No. 1

Celebrant: Who brings (Bride) to be married to (Groom)?
B/Father: I do.

No. 2

Celebrant: Who brings (Bride) to stand with (Groom)?
B/Parents: We do.
Celebrant: Do you promise, now and always, to support this union?
B/Parents: We do.

No. 3

Celebrant: Who brings (Bride) to stand beside (Groom)?
B/ Parents: We do.
Celebrant: Who brings (Groom) to stand beside (Bride)?
G/Parents: We do
Celebrant: Are you willing now and always to strengthen this marriage by upholding (Bride) and (Groom) with your love and support?
Parents: We do.

No. 4

Celebrant: Who brings (Bride) to be married to (Groom)?
Relative: I do.
Celebrant: (RN), you bring (Bride) to stand beside (Groom) as a sign of the family's acceptance of this marriage. Please place her hand into the hand of her future husband.

No.5

Celebrant: Who brings (Bride) to be married to (Groom)?

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B/Parents: We do.
Celebrant: Who brings (Groom) to be married to (Bride)?
G/Parents: We do.
Celebrant: (Parents), your daughter, (Bride) has chosen to share her life with (Groom). Will you receive him as your son, and at all times give him your support and understanding?
B/Parents: We will.
Celebrant: (Parents), your son (Groom) has chosen to share his life with (Bride). Will you receive her as your daughter, and at all times give her your support and understanding?
G/Parents: We will.

No. 6

Celebrant: When thinking people conclude what are the real values in life, and come to decide what really matters – it is human relationships. One of the most understated but deepest relationships in human life is that between a caring father and a loving daughter.

One of the rare occasions this relationship is acknowledged is at a wedding ceremony. (Father of the Bride) represents all of us. He particularly represents his family. But today in a special gesture, he symbolises his own personal love for (Bride).

So mindful of these values I now ask him – who brings this woman to be married to this man?

Father of the Bride: I do.

Wedding Vows - Affirmation of Intent

Explanation: The wedding vows take two parts - one is a question directed by the celebrant to which the bride and groom reply I do, or I will. It can also be asked by the relatives or friends of the couple, since it is not part of the legal requirement.

The question can be made to the groom and bride individually, or to them together. Since it is not a legal requirement, it can be left out. When used, it cannot be used as a substitute to the legal marriage vow where the bride and groom make a define statement that they take each other as husband and wife.

No. 1

Celebrant: (Groom), do you take (Bride), to be your lawfully, wedded wife? Do you promise to love her, comfort her, honour and keep her, in sickness and in health, so long as you both shall live?

Groom: I do.

Celebrant: (Bride), do you take (Groom), to be your lawfully, wedded husband? Do you promise to love him, comfort him, honour and keep him, in sickness and in health, so long as you both shall live?

Bride: I do.

No. 2

Celebrant: Do you (Groom) take (Bride) to be the wife of your days, to love and to cherish, to honour and comfort, in sorrow or in joy, in hardship or in ease, to have, and to hold from this day forth?

Groom: I do

Celebrant: Do you (Bride) take (Groom) to be the husband of your days, to love and to cherish, to honour and comfort, in sorrow or in joy, in hardship or in ease, to have and to hold from this day forth?

Bride: I do.

No. 3

Celebrant: Do you (Groom) knowing (Bride)'s love for you, and returning it, realising her strengths and learning from them, recognising her weaknesses, and helping to overcome them, take (Bride) to be your lawfully, wedded wife?

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Groom: I do.

Celebrant: Do you (Bride) knowing (Groom)'s love for you, and returning it, realising his strengths, and learning from them, recognising his weaknesses, and helping to overcome them, take (Groom) to be your lawfully, wedded husband?

Bride: I do.

No. 4

Celebrant: (Groom), do you take (Bride) to be your wife? Do you promise to be faithful to her, to join with her and to share all that is to come; to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond, and in all circumstances of your lives together, be loyal to her?

Groom: I do.

Celebrant: (Bride), do you take (Groom) to be your husband? Do you promise to be faithful to him, to join with him, and to share all that is to come; to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond, and in all circumstances of your lives together, be loyal to him?

Bride: I do.

No. 5

Celebrant: (Groom), will you take (Bride) to be your lawful wife, will you love her, honour and keep her, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others keep only unto her, so long as you both shall live?

Groom: I will.

Celebrant: (Bride), will you take (Groom) to be your lawful husband, will you love him, honour and keep him, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others keep only unto him, so long as you both shall live?

Bride: I will.

No. 6

Celebrant: (Groom), will you take (Bride) to be your lawful wife, will you love and respect her, be honest with her, and stand by her through whatever may come, so that you can genuinely share your life together?

Groom: I will.

Celebrant: (Bride), will you take (Groom) to be your lawful husband, will you love and respect him, be honest with him, and stand

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by him through whatever may come, so that you can genuinely share your life together?

Bride: I will.

No. 7

Celebrant: (Groom) and (Bride) do you promise, according to the ceremony you have chosen, to love each other, to be faithful to each other, and to honour each other, as long as you both shall live?

Together: We do.

No. 8

Celebrant: Do you (Groom) take (Bride) to be your lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, so long as you both shall live?

Groom: I do.

Celebrant: Do you (Bride) take (Groom) to be your lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, so long as you both shall live?

Bride: I do.

No. 9

Celebrant: (Groom), will you receive (Bride) as your wife? Will you pledge to her love, faith and tenderness, cherishing her with a husband's loyalty and devotion?

Groom: I will.

Celebrant: (Bride), will you receive (Groom) as your husband? Will you pledge to him love, faith and tenderness, cherishing him with a wife's loyalty and devotion?

Bride: I will.

No. 10

Celebrant: (Groom) and (Bride), have you come freely and without reservations to commit yourselves to each other in marriage?

Together: We have.

Celebrant: Will you love and honour each other as husband and wife for the rest of your lives?

Together: We will.

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Celebrant: Will you accept children lovingly, and care for them tenderly?

Together: We will.

No. 11

Celebrant: Do you (Groom) take (Bride) as your friend and love, beside you and apart from you, in laughter and in tears, in conflict and tranquility; asking that she be no other than herself; loving what you know of her, trusting what you do not yet know, in all the ways life may find you?

Groom: I do.

Celebrant: Do you (Bride) take (Groom) as your friend and love, beside you and apart from you, in laughter and in tears, in conflict and tranquility; asking that he be no other than himself; loving what you know of him, trusting what you do not yet know, in all the ways life may find you?

Bride: I do.

No. 12

Celebrant: Marriage is a precious gift, a lifelong dedication to love. Marriage is a precious teaching, a daily challenge to love one another more fully and more freely. With this understanding do you, (Groom), choose, (Bride), as your wife for evermore?

Groom: I do.

Celebrant: With this understanding do you, (Bride), choose, (Groom), as your husband for evermore?

Bride: I do.

No. 13

Celebrant: (Groom), will you take (Bride), to be your wife, trying to understand her feelings, sharing her pain and joy, respecting her beliefs and ideals, and valuing and accepting her differences for all the years to come?

Groom: I will.

Celebrant: (Bride), will you take (Groom), to be your husband, trying to understand his feelings, sharing his pain and joy, respecting his beliefs and ideals, and valuing and accepting his differences for all the years to come?

Bride: I will.

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No.14

Celebrant: Do you, (Groom), take (Bride), as your friend and love, asking that she be no other than herself, sharing her pain and joy, respecting her beliefs and ideals, and valuing and accepting her differences for all the years to come?

Groom: I do.

Celebrant: Do you, (Bride), take (Groom), as your friend and love, asking that he be no other than himself, sharing his pain and joy, respecting his beliefs and ideals and valuing and accepting his differences for all the years to come?

Bride: I do.

No.15

Celebrant: (Groom), do you take (Bride), to be your wife, in equal love, as a mirror for your true self, as a partner on your path, to honour and cherish, in sorrow and joy?

Groom: I do.

Celebrant: (Bride), do you take (Groom) to be your husband, in equal love, as a mirror for your true self as a partner on your path, to honour and cherish, in sorrow and joy?

Bride: I do.

No. 16

Celebrant: Marriage is a bond to be entered into only after considerable thought and reflection. In the case of (Bride) and (Groom) this also includes friendship, mutual respect, admiration, and personal growth.

As with all aspects of life, there are cycles, waiting and advancing, trials and triumphs, a time for everything and now is the time for love and marriage. A couple who wed are joined by their resolve that come what may, they remain together through time. So I shall ask them now if this is their choice.

(Bride), Have you come here today of your own free will to take (Groom) to be your husband, that you may live together as equal partners sharing all that life has to offer?

Bride: I have.

Wedding Vows - The Promise

Explanation: Wedding vows come immediately after the Affirmation of Intent. They are a promise made by the bride and groom to each other. The celebrant breaks up the vow into short phrases which the bride and groom repeat.

In some cases the bride and groom will speak their vows together. More often they will make their vow separately. The vows may be the same, or they may be different, for each partner. The wording of Affirmation of Intent and the Wedding Vows can be as personal as you like, so long as you include the following vow required by the marriage act to make it legal. "I, (Name) call upon the persons here present, to witness, that I take you, (Name) to be my lawful, wedded wife/husband/ spouse or partner".

Many of the vows are appropriate for both renewal and commitment ceremonies - sometimes exactly as they are, in other cases some of the wording needs to be changes to make them more suitable.

No. 1

Groom: I, (Groom), ask all here present to witness, that I take you, (Bride), to be my lawfully, wedded wife. I intend to grow and develop in partnership with you; to love you, and live with you, through good times and bad, so long as we both shall live.

Bride: I, (Bride), ask all here present to witness, that I take you, (Groom), to be my lawfully, wedded husband. I intend to grow and develop in partnership with you, to love you, and live with you, through good times and bad, so long as we both shall live.

No. 2

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be the wife of my days, to be the mother of our children, to be the companion of my home. I commit my life to you, encompassing as it does, all sorrows and joys, all hardships and triumphs, all experiences of life; a commitment made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope, and eternally made new.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), to be the husband of my days, to be the father of our children, to be the companion of my home. I commit my life to you, encompassing as it does, all sorrows and joys, all hardships and triumphs, all experiences of life; a commitment made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope and eternally made new.

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No. 3

G and B: I will love you today, and all the days of my life, encouraging you in your endeavours, and working with you in achieving ours.

No. 4

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be no other than yourself, loving what I know of you, trusting what I do not yet know; tending you in sickness, rejoicing with you in health, so long as we both shall live.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), to be no other than yourself, loving what I know of you, trusting what I do not yet know; tending you in sickness, rejoicing with you in health, so long as we both shall live.

No. 5

Groom: (Bride), with all that I am, and all that I have, I take you to be my wife.

Bride: (Groom), with all that I am, and all that I have, I take you to be my husband.

No. 6

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forth, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so long as we both shall live.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom) to be my lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this day forth, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so long as we both shall live.

No. 7

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), as my friend and love, beside me and apart from me, in laughter and in tears, in conflict and tranquility, in all the ways life may find us.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), as my friend and love, beside me and apart from me, in laughter and in tears, in conflict and tranquility, in all the ways that life may find us.

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No. 8

Groom: (Bride), with this solemn vow I take you for what you are, with what I am, with what I have. All the blessings we shall share, all the trials we shall face together.

Bride: (Groom), with this solemn vow I take you, for what you are, with what I am, with what I have. All the blessings we shall share, all the trials we shall face together.

No. 9

Groom: (Bride), I choose you above all others to share my life with me. I intend to love you as you are, in the hope that you will become, all that you can be. I promise to honour this pledge, as long as life and faith endures.

Bride: (Groom), I choose you above all others to share my life with me. I intend to love you as you are, in the hope that you will become, all that you can be. I promise to honour this pledge, as long as life and faith endures.

No. 10

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be the wife of my days, and the companion of my home. We shall keep together, what share of sorrow our lives may lay upon us; and we shall hold together our store of goodness and of love.

Bride: I (Bride) take you (Groom) to be the husband of my days, and the companion of my home. We shall keep together, what share of sorrow our lives may lay upon us; and we shall hold together our store of goodness and of love.

No. 11

G and B: Standing among our friends, I pledge to share my life with you. I promise to cherish and encourage you own fulfillment as an individual, through all the changes of our lives, as long as we both shall live.

No. 12

Groom: (Bride), I will be your husband, and give you my love without reservations. I will share with you, all the tears and laughter of my tomorrows, and they will become ours.

Bride: (Groom); I will be your wife, and give you my love without reservations. I will share with you, all the tears and laughter of my tomorrows, and they will become ours.

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No. 13

G and B: We come gladly to this moment. We have already shared much of our lives together, and know, from experience, that we get along well together.

Today, I choose to make a deeper commitment to you, a legal and binding contract. It is my way of telling you, that our experience together has been so good, that I want it to continue for the rest of my life.

No. 14

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), for life. And I will love and honour you until death.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), for life. And I will love and honour you until death.

No. 15

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you, and honour you, all the days of my life.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you (Groom), to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you, and honour you, all the days of my life.

No. 16

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be my wife and my companion through life. From this day forward, in times of joy and sorrow, in sickness and in health, in poverty and plenty, I promise to love you, and be true to you, until death parts us.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), to be my husband and my companion through life. From this day forward, in times of joy and sorrow, in sickness and in health, in poverty and plenty, I promise to love you, and be true to you, until death parts us.

No. 17

G and B: I will love you for today, and for all our tomorrows.

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No. 18

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), for my wife. I promise to love you, to honour you, and to live with you from now until the end of my life.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), for my husband. I promise to love you, to honour you, and to live with you from now until the end of my life.

No. 19

G and B: I choose to take this journey with you, wherever it leads, whatever the outcome, no matter what may befall us, through all the days of our lives.

No. 20

G and B: I ask you to share in my joys, to celebrate in my victories, to rejoice in all my achievements, even as I promise to share in your joys, to celebrate in your victories, to rejoice in your achievements.

No. 21

G and B: I will love you, and honour you, in good times and bad, give thanks for you always, and cherish you until the end of our days.

No. 22

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be my partner in marriage and in life.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), to be my partner in marriage and in life.

No. 23

G/B: I'll love you, as much as I do today, all the days of my life.

No. 24

G/B: Standing among friends, I pledge to you my love for today, and all the years to come. I promise to encourage you to become all that you can be, to help you in all your endeavours, and work with you to achieve ours. I promise you a love that will last for the rest of my life.

Ring Ceremony

Explanation: In some wedding ceremonies there is only one ring, in others the bride and groom exchange rings. Within the wedding ceremony the ring ceremony comes immediately after the vows, unless the vows are followed by a reading.

Rings can be carried by the best man, by the maid of honour, by a child attendant, by the couple, (if they have no attendants) or left on the table where the signing of the documents takes place.

At the appropriate moment the celebrant will ask for the ring, or rings, and display it on her hand before giving it to the groom and asking him to repeat the ring ceremony words while placing the ring on the bride's finger. This is repeated for the bride where rings are exchanged.

No. 1

B/G: With this ring I thee wed.

No. 2

Celebrant: The wedding ring is a symbol of the promises of love and devotion you have made to each other today. In years to come, it will remind you of this day, when you became one in hope, one in believing in life, and one in sharing the years ahead of you.

G/B: With this ring I marry you and join my life with yours.

No. 3

G/B: This ring will seal our love for ever.

Celebrant: May your love be patient and gentle, and your life filled with meaning and purpose.

No. 4

Celebrant: This circle of gold is a symbol of all that is unending, having neither a beginning nor an end. Let this ring be the symbol of your unity, into which your lives are joined in one, unbroken circle.

G/B: We ask God to bless our marriage. With this ring I thee wed.

RING CEREMONY

No. 5

G/B: The ring is symbolic of all that is in my heart. When you wear it, know that you are wearing an emblem of love.

No. 6

Celebrant: This circle of precious metal is a fitting emblem of the perpetuity of the marriage state, as it is so fashioned as to have neither a beginning nor an end.

G/B: I give you this ring as I give you my love. As the ring is unbroken, so is my love for you without beginning or ending. As it is made of purest metal, so I give you my best. As the circle is perfectly symmetrical, I give you all that I am or ever hope to be. All that I give you as I give you this ring.

No. 7

G/B: I place this ring upon your finger, take it and wear it, as a pledge of my love, and as a symbol of all we shall share.

No. 8

Celebrant: The circle is the symbol of the sun, and the earth, and the universe. It is a symbol of peace. Let this ring be the symbol of your unity and peace, into which your lives are joined in one unbroken circle.

G/B: Wear this ring forever, as a symbol of love and peace, and all that is unending.

Celebrant: Let this ring serve, not as a lock binding you together, but as a key unlocking the secrets of your hearts, for each other know, and thus bring you closer together.

No. 9

B/G: Just as the ring encircles your finger, going endlessly on, so will my love for you continue for the rest of our lives. With this ring I thee wed.

No. 10

Celebrant: May this ring be a symbol of your faith in each other, and always remind you of your love.

RING CEREMONY

G/B: I offer you this ring, a symbol of my enduring love. I ask that you take it and wear it, that all may know you are touched by my love for you.

No. 11

G/B: I give you this sign of my love, knowing that love is precious and fragile, yet strong. I give you this sign of our love, an ever present symbol, of the vows we have made here today. I give you this ring, as I give you my love.

No. 12

Celebrant: This ring is made of precious metal, which symbolises the value you two place on the union of marriage. Let this ring remind you of today's vows which have made you husband and wife.

G/B: Take this ring freely, as a token of my love, and as a symbol of my intention to live with you in love and respect.

No. 13

G/B: Take this ring, and wear it with love and honour.

No. 14

Celebrant: Just as this ring goes endlessly on, may your love endure for ever.

G/B: This ring will seal our love for ever.

No. 15

G/B: I offer you this ring, to wear upon your finger, as a symbol of our unity.

No. 16

Celebrant: This circlet of precious metal is a fitting symbol of the perpetuity of the marriage state, as it is so fashioned as to have neither a beginning nor an end. So may this union, at this time solemnised be more lasting than time itself.

G/B: I offer you this ring, as a symbol of my enduring love. I ask that you wear it, that all may know you are touched by my love for you.

RING CEREMONY

No. 17

G/B: I am one, you are one, together we are one. With this ring I pledge myself as your (husband/wife).

No. 18

G/B: Accept this ring as a token and pledge of the vows made between us today.

No. 19

Celebrant: This ring is the symbol of the vows here taken, circle of roundness, perfect in form. This ring marks the beginning of a long journey together, filled with wonder, surprises, laughter, tears, celebration, grief and joy.

G/B: All that has been said today, I pledge this symbol. With this ring I thee wed.

No. 20

G/B: I place this ring on your finger, as a symbol of the vows which have made us husband and wife.

Celebrant: May the rings you have exchanged be a reminder of the love and faithfulness you have pledged to each other.

No. 21

G/B: I give you this ring, sign of my love, knowing that love is precious and fragile, yet strong. I give you a symbol of our unending love, a token showing the world we are one.

No. 22

G/B: I give you this ring, as a token of our marriage vows. May it ever remain a symbol, of the love that binds us together.

B/G: I accept this ring, and I will wear it, as an outward sign that I love you.

No. 23

G/B: I give you this ring, as a token of my love.

Celebrant: By your union you create a new world, your two hearts pledging one love, your two lives joined in one dream for the future.