

Officiant *Who asks this man to join this family?*
XXx xxxx 'We Do'

Officiant:

Today is a celebration. A celebration of love, of commitment, of friendship of two people who are 'in it' forever!

You don't have to have a ceremony to have a marriage, and when you think about it, the whole thing is kind of weird, right?

Looking fancy, and being stared at by pretty much everyone who has meant anything to you in the past twenty-something years.

So why do we do it?

The marriage ceremony has been an important feature across nearly every culture, religion, generation, and society.

We have thousands of important moments throughout our lives, but this one regarded as one so critical, we acknowledge its special status by sharing it with other.

Why this moment?

Because despite all of our differences, love is what we all share.. It's the great unifier - our one universal truth. No matter who we are, where we've come from, or what we believe, we know this is one thing; love is what we're doing right.

That's why you are both standing here. That's why you are all here to watch this couple stand up here.

We have all loved in our lifetimes, and in this moment we're reminded the ability to love is the very best part of our humanity.

All of us here today have our own love stories. Some short, other long. Some are yet to be written, while other are just getting onto the good part. There are chapters in all our stories that are sad or disappointing - and other that are exciting and full of adventure.

Being here today, gives us a chance to pause, look back, and smile at all the moments propelling them to this point in time.

A time to look ahead at all the moments to come.

To the Bride and Groom....

I'm here - we're all here- because we want those moments for you. We're here to hope with you, to support you, to be proud of you, and remind you that love is not happily ever after, love is the experience of writing your story. It's not one moment - not even this moment. It's very moment. Big ones like saying 'I love you' moving in together, or getting engaged - but mostly a million little ones. Falling asleep next to one another, making dinner together, spending holidays with family, binge watching Netflix, getting a big hug when you get home from work... These everyday moments fuse together into one big experience.

Our Wedding Promises.

Officiant;

You fell in love by chance, but you're here today because you're making a choice. You are both choosing each other. You've chosen to be with someone who enhances you, who makes you think, makes you smile and makes every day brighter.

You're about to make promises to each other that you intend to keep. You're going to promise to take care of each other to stand up for one another and to find happiness with the other. There's a simple premise to each of these promises; you're promising to be there. You're teaming up and saying to the other "Every experience I am going to have, I want you to be a part of"

At this time, the bride and Groom will share some of their special moments followed by the promises they have written together;

Groom...(preamble and promises)

Bride ...(preamble and promises)

Ring Exchange;

You have both chosen to wear rings as a reminder of these promises. People often say wedding bands are a perfect circle, with no beginning and no end, but these rings had a beginning.

The stones were formed a long time ago deep within the earth. A series of lucky events caused these stones to rise to the surface, where someone dug them up. Metal was then liquified in a furnace at a thousand degrees - moulded, cooled, and painstakingly polished. Something beautiful was made from raw elements.

Love is like that, it comes from humble beginnings and through a combination of serendipity and effort, imperfect beings shape it into something extraordinary. It's the process of making something beautiful where there was one nothing at all. As you look at these rings over the years, I hope you remember the journey. You've created something invaluable, and just as I know you'll protect these rings, I'm confident you'll protect the commitments you've made to one another.

xxxxxxx Please hold xxxxx hand, and as you place this ring on her ring finger, I'm going to ask you a question, if you agree please respond with 'I will'

Will you xxxx, keep xxxx as your favourite person - to laugh with her, go on adventures with her, support her through life's tough moments, be proud of her, grow old with her, and find new reasons to love her every day?

*xxxx **I will.***

*xxxxxxx Please hold xxxxx hand and as you place this ring on xxxx left finger, I'm going to ask you a question, if you agree please respond with '**I will**'*

Will you xxxx, keep xxxx as your favourite person - to laugh with him, go on adventures with him, support him through life's tough moments, be proud of him, grow old with him, and find new reasons to love him every day?

*xxx **I will.***

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To both of you

Will you xxxx and xxxx be each other's partners from this day forward?

Will you bring out the best in one another, share your happiest moments together, and love each other absolutely - for the rest of the lifetime and for what've may come next

Officiant.

By the power vested in me by the state of xxxxx

I now pronounce you husband and wife

You may now seal your love with a kiss!

It is now my greatest pleasure to be the first one to introduce

Mr & Mrs xxxxx