

Dear family and friends, we have gathered here today to witness and celebrate the wedding of Jeff and Lisa. Marriage is the promise of hope between two people who love each other sincerely, who honor each other as individuals, and who wish to unite their lives and share the future together. In this ceremony, they dedicate themselves to the happiness and well-being of each other, in a union of mutual caring and responsibility.

"Taught by our own joys, by our own sorrows, even by our own failures, that in marriage, as in all life, whosoever insists upon saving their lesser goods and their little self, shall miss what is greater, but whosoever forgets themselves in devotion to their beloved and in consecration to their common enterprise, is surest to find a full and happy life".

TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

The values, traditions and hopes this couple represent have been nurtured by their family and friends standing here today. As our Sons and Daughters find partners and found homes for the next generation, each family is enriched and enlarged. Do you, who have nurtured these two, bestow your blessing on their union and their new life together as a family?

STATEMENT OF INTENTION:

Jeff are you ready to enter into this marriage with Lisa, believing the love you share and your faith in each other will endure all things?

Lisa are you ready to enter into this marriage with Jeff, believing the love you share and your faith in each other will endure all things?

Jeff and Lisa please face each other and join hands.

VOWS:

No other human ties are more tender and no other vows more important than those you are about to take. Both of you come to this day with deep realization that the contract of marriage is sacred as are all of its obligations and responsibilities.

Jeff, will you have this woman to be your wedded Wife, to share your life with her, and do you pledge that you will love her, and tenderly care for her in all the varying circumstances of your lives?

Lisa, will you have this man to be your wedded Husband, to share your life with him, and do you pledge that you will love him, and tenderly care for him in all the varying circumstances of your lives?

THE RING CEREMONY:

It is customary to exchange rings as a symbol of love. As the rings have no end, so your love shall have no end. A circle is the symbol of the sun and the earth, and of the universe. It is a symbol of wholeness, and perfection, and of peace. The rings you give and receive this day, are symbols of the union you enter together as Husband and Wife.

Jeff, place the ring upon Lisa's hand and repeat after me:

Lisa this ring I give to you, in token and pledge, of my constant faith, and abiding love.

Lisa, place the ring upon Jeff's hand and repeat after me:

Jeff this ring I give to you, in token and pledge, of my constant faith, and abiding love.

THE BLESSING:

May every blessing and grace be yours; May your love grow stronger with each passing year. May the sun, bring you new energies by day; May the moon softly restore you by night. May the rain wash away any worries you may have and the breeze blow new strength into your being. And all the days of your life, may you walk gently through the world and know its beauty.

Now you will not feel the rain, for each of you will shelter the other. Now you will feel not cold, for each of you will warm the other. Now you will feel not solitude, for each will accompany the other. Now you are two persons, but both will lead one life. Go now to your dwelling to enter into the days of your life, and may your days be good and long upon the earth.

THE DECLARATION:

Forasmuch as Jeff and Lisa have consented together to join their lives in the bonds of matrimony, and have witnessed the same before this company of family and friends, and have pledged their love and loyalty to each other, and have declared the same by the joining and the giving of rings, I therefore, by the authority granted by the creator of the universe pronounce that they are Husband and Wife.

THE KISS!

Jeff, you may now kiss your beautiful Bride!

THE INTRODUCTION:

Ladies and Gentlemen, It is now my honor and pleasure to present to you Jeff and Lisa, as Husband and Wife!