# Wedding Ceremony for…

**INTRODUCTION**

**Dearly beloved, we are gathered here TIME\_OF\_DAY to join these two individuals in matrimony. To officially combine their souls, their hearts, and their minds. To make complete a couple, the sum of two separate parts. Their uncontested love to be ultimately stated. Here and now we will complete a bond so strong and so sacred, mere words will struggle to describe it. While this moment is fleeting, rest assured that the connection made here today is a lasting one. An important one. Moving forward this relationship takes on new life. But there are rules and expectations. Sacred vows will be taken, promises will be made. This is a contract. These words must held sacred and kept.**

**THE SACRED VOWS**

***Ask the groom…* "GROOM\_NAME, do you take BRIDE\_NAME to be your wife, to live and remain together in matrimony for the rest of your living days, to love this person without prejudice, to respect and honor them, to treat them as you would yourself, to remain by their side in sickness or in health, for richer or for poorer, with patience, empathy, and understanding, forsaking all others, keeping them for who they are, willingly, knowingly, lovingly without pause or second thought? To be a friend, a lover, a partner, and a trusted confidant forever faithful? To be present, to care, to be understanding, and to continually demonstrate your undying love in your daily actions, not just in your words or with material objects? *Groom answers*… “I do.”**

***Ask the bride…*** **"BRIDE\_NAME, do you take GROOM\_NAME to be your husband, to live and remain together in matrimony for the rest of your living days, to love this person without prejudice, to respect and honor them, to treat them as you would yourself, to remain by their side in sickness or in health, for richer or for poorer,** **with patience, empathy, and understanding,** **forsaking all others, keeping them for who they are, willingly, knowingly, lovingly without pause or second thought? To be a friend, a lover, a partner, and a trusted confidant forever faithful? To be present, to care, to be understanding, and to continually demonstrate your undying love in your daily actions, not just in your words or with material objects? *Bride******answers*… “I do.”**

**RECAP AND REFLECTION**

***Ask the bride and groom to join hands…* With love and affection these promises have been made. I have seen this with my very eyes. I can feel it, much like a wind, this blows me away. Now, hereinafter, these promises must be remembered and upheld. They must be revered. This union is special. This is no ordinary love. It must be tended with care. You two were brought together for this day and beyond. For whatever the future holds, have faith in times of doubt should they ever occur that this day, this joining, is meant to be. Here, there is purpose. Important purpose. What it is, if not clear already, will be revealed to you both one day. And together, hand in hand, you will meet it. Ready. Together as one.**

**EXCHANGE OF RINGS**

***Ask the groom to prepare the bride’s ring and to repeat the following…* “I give you this ring as a physical symbol of my love, it is a circular and thus never-ending token, and it is to serve you as daily reminder, of the promises I have made here to you TIME\_OF\_DAY. Please put your left hand in mine and accept this ring.”**

***Ask the bride to prepare the groom’s ring and to repeat the following… “*I give you this ring as a physical symbol of my love, it is a circular and thus never-ending token, and it is to serve you as daily reminder, of the promises I have made here to you TIME\_OF\_DAY. Please put your left hand in mine and accept this ring.”**

**THE PRONOUNCEMENT**

***Ask the couple to again join hands…* “I have witnessed today your love for one another. I have heard your vows, the commitment in your voices. I am convinced this love is genuine, and that you two are genuine, as sure as they sun rises in the east and sets in the west. Thus, it is with tremendous pleasure that I can finally say that by the virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, I now pronounce you husband and wife.”**

***To the the couple…* “It is official. Congratulations to you both and may you both find endless and ultimate joy in each other every single day. *And to the groom…* You may now kiss your bride.”**