

# Religious Wedding Ceremony

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY BEFORE GOD TO CELEBRATE THE UNION OF (BRIDE) AND (GROOM) IN HOLY MATRIMONY.

AS YOU ENTER THIS MOST SACRED RELATIONSHIP, PAUSE A MOMENT AND REFLECT UPON THE GOOD FORTUNE IN YOUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF YOUR FAMILIES THAT HAVE BROUGHT YOU TOGETHER HERE TODAY. MAY THE HAND OF GOD ALWAYS GUIDE YOU AND PROTECT YOU AND SHIELD YOU FROM ALL EVIL. MAY HIS LOVE BE PERFECTED IN YOU THROUGH THE KEEPING OF HIS WORD.

IT IS THROUGH HIS WORD THAT WE CAN CLEARLY COME TO UNDERSTAND LOVE; ITS' MEANING, ITS' POWER AND ITS' RESPONSIBILITIES. FROM IT WE LEARN HOW TO LOVE, NOT ONLY IN WORDS, BUT IN DEED AND TRUTH.

THE APOSTLE PAUL IN HIS FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH AT CORINTH EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE IN OUR LIVES. HE SAID,

“THOUGH I SPEAK WITH THE TONGUES OF MEN AND OF ANGLES, AND HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM A SOUNDING BRASS, OR A TINKLING CYMBAL.  
THOUGH I HAVE ALL FAITH, SO THAT I COULD REMOVE MOUNTAINS, AND HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM NOTHING.  
AND THOUGH I BESTOW ALL MY GOODS TO FEED THE POOR, AND THOUGH I GIVE MY BODY TO BE BURNED, AND HAVE NOT LOVE, I GAIN NOTHING.  
LOVE IS PATIENT AND IS KIND; LOVE DOES NOT ENVY.  
LOVE DOES NOT BOAST AND IS NOT PROUD.  
LOVE IS NOT RUDE; IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING; IT IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED; LOVE KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS.  
LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL, BUT REJOICES IN THE TRUTH.  
LOVE BEARS ALL BURDENS; LOVE ALWAYS TRUSTS; LOVE ALWAYS HOPES; LOVE ALWAYS ENDURES.  
LOVE NEVER FAILS.  
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE REMAIN FOREVER, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.”

(GROOM), WILL YOU HAVE THIS WOMAN TO BE YOUR WEDDED WIFE, TO LOVE HER, HONOR HER, COMFORT HER, KEEP HER, IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH, FORSAKING ALL OTHERS SO LONG AS YOU BOTH SHALL LIVE?

GROOM ANSWERS: I WILL

(BRIDE), WILL YOU HAVE THIS MAN TO BE YOUR WEDDED HUSBAND, TO LOVE HIM, HONOR HIM, COMFORT HIM, KEEP HIM IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH, FORSAKING ALL OTHERS SO LONG AS YOU BOTH SHALL LIVE?

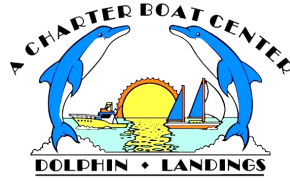
BRIDE ANSWERS; I WILL

(TURNING TO EACH OTHER, HOLDING HANDS, REPEATING AFTER THE CELEBRANT)

I, (GROOM), TAKE YOU (BRIDE) TO BE MY WEDDED WIFE, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE, FOR RICHER OR FOR POORER, IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH, TO LOVE AND CHERISH, AS LONG AS WE BOTH SHALL LIVE.

I, (BRIDE), TAKE YOU (GROOM) TO BE MY WEDDED HUSBAND, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE, FOR RICHER OR FOR POORER, IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH, TO LOVE AND CHERISH, AS LONG AS WE BOTH SHALL LIVE.

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# Celebration of the Rings

THESE PERFECT CIRCLES OF GOLD SHALL SYMBOLIZE THE NEVER ENDING LOVE SHARED BETWEEN (BRIDE) AND (GROOM) AND SHALL BE A VISIBLE SIGN OF THE LOVING VOWS BY WHICH THEY HAVE PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO EACH OTHER.

(REPEAT AFTER CELEBRANT)

(BRIDE), I GIVE YOU THIS RING TO BE A SIGN OF MY VOW TO YOU, AND WITH ALL MY HEART, MY MIND AND MY SOUL, I MARRY YOU.

(GROOM), I GIVE YOU THIS RING TO BE A SIGN OF MY VOW TO YOU, AND WITH ALL MY HEART, MY MIND AND MY SOUL, I MARRY YOU

IN AS MUCH AS (GROOM) AND (BRIDE) HAVE CONSENTED TOGETHER IN WEDLOCK BEFORE THIS COMPANY, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU HUSBAND AND WIFE.

YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN MAY I PRESENT (GROOM) AND (BRIDE & NEW NAME)