

Christian Wedding Ceremony Script 12

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Good afternoon. It is truly a blessing for two people to find one another and to love so deeply that they embrace the bond of marriage. That is why we are all here today, to witness and celebrate their commitment to this union. On behalf of them, I welcome you all.

Who gives/presents this woman to join this man in holy matrimony today?

Although this is their day, it is also a tribute to all of you. For knowing you and interacting with you has helped to make Bride and Groom who they needed to be to find each other. They would like to thank you all for that. You all hold a place in their hearts reserved for those that they have chosen to call "Family" and "Friends" and they are deeply grateful for each and every one of you here today.

Marriage is a gift from God, a miracle. After speaking to you both, it is obvious that you already know some of the great blessings marriage has to offer. It is an opportunity to feel the joy of taking care of someone who takes care of you, to be challenged towards growth yet gently nurtured, to love deeply and receive it in return. It is about trust, friendship and having a partner to share all life has to offer. It is a commitment to participate in a process of mutual evolution, understanding and forgiveness. It is indeed a sacred union to be treated with reverence.

Bride, Groom is a gift to you from God, but he is not a gift for you alone. It is God's will that in your love, this man might find within

himself a greater sense of who he is meant to be. You are asked to see the good in this man, to accept him for who he is and who he shall be. In this way, God's purpose shall be accomplished in this relationship. May this man find the kingdom of heaven through the love you share.

And so it is with you also *Groom*, that although *Bride* is God's gift to you, she is not a gift intended for you alone. You are asked by God to so love this woman, that in your love she might find herself as God has created her, so beautiful and strong and brave and true, that the entire world might be blessed by the presence of a woman who shines so. May she relax in your arms as she has never relaxed before. May she know, from now on, that there is one on whose love she can depend on forever.

May you both create, with God, a piece of heaven on earth.

Vows

Do you, *Groom*, take this woman, *Bride*, to be your lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health as long as you both shall live.

Groom: "I Do"

And do you, *Bride*, take this man, *Groom*, for my lawful wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health as long as you both shall live.

Bride "I Do"

Ring Exchange

And so we come *Bride* and *Groom*, to the presentation of rings by which you symbolize and bind your love. Without beginning or end and with no point of weakness, the circle is a reminder of the eternal quality of God and of unending strength. Let the seamless circle of these rings become the symbol of your endless love and unending faithfulness.

God, bless these rings and the two who exchange them. Fill them with your Holy Presence. Keep them safe in the circle of Your protection and love.

Bride, please place the ring on *Groom*'s finger and repeat after me:

“With this ring, I pledge my love and faithfulness to you, today, now and always. or (I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.) or (“As this ring has no end, neither shall my love for you.”)

Groom, please place the ring on *Bride*'s finger and repeat after me:

“With this ring, I pledge my love and faithfulness to you, today, now and always. or (I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine) or (“As this ring has no end, neither shall my love for you.”)

Wear these rings as the enclosing bond of reverence and trust.
Fulfill the circle of love that now makes you one.

Bride and *Groom*, in the presence of God and the witnesses gathered here today, you have spoken the words and performed the rites which unite your lives. It is my legal right as a minister and my greatest joy and privilege to declare you husband and wife.

You may now kiss the Bride!

May God's blessings rest upon you, may God's peace abide with you, and may God's presence illuminate your hearts, now and forevermore. Amen.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my great pleasure to present to you for the first time in public, Mr. and Mrs. _____!

I do not claim to be the original author of this script. I am sharing it like this to make it easier for anyone to use.