

Christian Wedding Ceremony Script 13

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Dearly beloved, we gather here today to witness and celebrate an act of deep love. *Bride* and *Groom*, in their devotion, respect, and love for each other wish to unite in the holy bond of marriage, and to dedicate themselves to each other's happiness and well-being as life mates and partners. On behalf of them, I welcome you all.

Who has the honor of presenting this woman to be married to this man?

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 the beginning of a new life, a chance at fulfilling long held dreams, and an opportunity for great personal and spiritual growth. Marriage endures through the ages of trends and fads. Marriage thrives, and continues to live as a promise of a beautiful dream come true. As long as individuals are drawn together by God, marriage will be a natural unfolding of that relationship.

Feelings come alive at a wedding. Great happiness, some sadness, some apprehension and sometimes pure relief! There is an acute awareness that something special, something that goes to the very heart of life, is about to happen. Something is gone forever, and

something is born, brand new and tender; something to be nurtured and cared for, protected and cherished, challenged and strengthened.

A strong and resilient marriage is not an escape from the world but a contribution to it. Bride and Groom, may you now combine and strengthen your gifts, to be offered as a distinct and beautiful gift to the world; for the world is in need of the beautiful, the good and the holy, and nothing is better suited to evoke that than a good marriage.

And now you stand before this loving community of family and friends, ready to acknowledge to God and to the world: this is my beloved, the one with whom I choose to create the rest of my life.

Vows

Groom, do you take Bride to be your wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in holy matrimony? Do you promise to love her, to honor and cherish her, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, and to be to her in all things a good and faithful husband as long as you both shall live?

Groom: I Do

Bride, do you take Groom to be your wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in holy matrimony? Do you promise to love him, to honor and cherish him, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, and to be to him in all things a good and faithful wife as long as you both shall live?

Bride: I Do

Exchange of Rings

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.

Groom, as you place this ring on Bride's finger, I now ask you:

Do you take this woman to be your lawful wedded wife? Do you promise God, *Bride*, and all of us here that from this point forward, your arms may be her shelter and your heart may be her guide? Do you promise to support her and nourish her and to love and respect and honor her for the rest of your days on earth? If so please answer
“I do.”

Bride, as you place this ring on *Groom's* finger, I now ask you:

Do you take this man to be your lawful wedded husband? Do you promise God, *Groom*, and all of us here that from this point forward, your arms may be his shelter and your heart may be his guide? Do you promise to support him and nourish him and to love and respect and honor him for the rest of your days on earth? If so please answer “I do.”

Forasmuch as you, *Bride* and you, *Groom*, have openly declared your wishes to be united in marriage, and in the presence of these witnesses have pledged love to each other, and have confirmed the same by joining hands, exchanging rings and declaring your vows, by the power vested in me by the State of Indiana and the Lord our God, do now pronounce that you are husband and wife.

You may now kiss!

May the Peace that passes all understanding be yours now and
forevermore.

Ladies and gentlemen, please rise! It is my privilege to be the first
to
present Mr. and Mrs. _____!

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