

## Christian Wedding Ceremony Script 9

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Welcome everyone. Thank you for being here today here today. We are gathered here in the sight of God and angels, and the presence of all of you, friends and loved ones, to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, and to add our best wishes and blessings to the words which shall unite Bride and Groom in holy matrimony.

Who presents this woman to be married?

Escort: I do.

Bride and Groom, life is a gift given to each of us as individuals, and during this life we learn to live together in harmony. Love began as a gift to us from our family, and then friends. Through these gifts of love we learn to both give and receive love in our lives. Learning to love and live together is one of life's greatest challenges, with the greatest rewards, and is the shared goal of a married life together.

Mankind could not have created something as beautiful, healing, and inexhaustible as love; love was created by and delivered to us by God. Therefore, a husband and wife should not confuse love of worldly things with that of the Godly love of one another. For even if worldly success is found, only love for one another will maintain a marriage. And the measure of true love is a love both freely given and freely accepted, just as God's love is unconditional and free.

Today is truly a glorious day which the Lord hath made - as today both of you are blessed with God's greatest of all gifts - the gift of

abiding love and devotion. All present here today - and those who are only here in heart and memory - wish both of you all the joy, happiness and success and the world has to offer.

Let us also take a moment to remember those who are not here with us today. We know they are with us in Spirit.

### **Recognition of Parents**

(Groom and Bride walk over and hug their parents, they may also present the mothers with a flower while officiant speaks.)

Before we go on to say more about love, it is important to recognize from where love comes in our lives. Of course, someone first loved Bride and Groom. Someone cared for them as children, showed them what love, compassion, kindness, and care is. Of course we are speaking of the parents. The work of our parents is critical in preparing us to be the loving adults we are, so today, Bride and Groom want to make special recognition of their parents today, for making today possible. I speak for everyone here when we say "Thank You mom's and dad's for beginning in Groom and Bride something so special.

### **The Challenge**

In this sacred and joyful moment, we call upon the highest in you, Bride and Groom, the divine inner presence that brought you to love and has chosen for you the sweet commitment of marriage. For you we ask every blessing of this moment; a confirmation of the wisdom of your choice; great happiness on the path that is set before you; discretion, kindness and care as you walk upon it,

strength to live out your purpose, grace and peace through each step of your journey, and beloved family and friends to support you.

Bride, are you here to ask Groom to be your partner, your lover, your friend and your husband? Do you intend to give him your deepest friendship and love, not only when you are feeling bright and alive, but also when you are feeling down? Not only when you remember clearly that you are a manifestation of God, but even in those times when you forget? Do you announce before God and those here present that you will seek always to see the Light of Divinity within Groom , and seek always to share the Light of Divinity within you?

Bride : I do.

Groom, are you here to ask Bride to be your partner, your lover, your friend and your wife? Do you intend to give her your deepest friendship and love, not only when you are feeling bright and alive, but also when you are feeling down? Not only when you remember clearly that you are a manifestation of God, but even in those times when you forget? Do you announce before God and those here present that you will seek always to see the Light of Divinity within Bride , and seek always to share the Light of Divinity within you?

Groom : I do.

### **A Message of Love**

As you travel through life together, I caution you to remember that the true measure of success, the true avenue to joy and peace, is to be found within the love you hold in your hearts. I would ask that you hold the key to your heart very tightly.

Within the Bible, nothing holds greater importance than Love. We are told the crystalline and beautiful truth: "God is Love". We are assured that "Love conquers all". It is love which brings you here today, the union of two hearts and two spirits. As your lives continue to interweave as one pattern, remember that it was love that brought you here today, it is love that will make this a glorious union, and it is love which will cause this union to endure.

### **Blessing of the Wedding Rings**

Let us bless these rings! O God, these rings are circles, symbols that remind us of the Sun, and the Earth, and the universe. Symbols of perfection and peace ... that which has no beginning and no end. And so, in this moment, bring your blessing to these rings to also be symbols of unity, of joining and of commitment. Grant that the love which Bride and Groom have for each other now may always be just this way.

These are the rings that Bride and Groom will wear for the rest of their lives, that express the love that they have for one another. Let us take a moment and send our prayers, our thoughts and our love to these rings, so that as they wear them, they will carry our love with them as well.

### **Exchange of Rings and Wedding Vows**

Bride and Groom, as you dedicate yourselves to one another, we are mindful of the presence of God around us.

Each holds the hand of the other, slides the ring half way on, then repeats the vows after Lance.

Groom:

I, Groom, take you, Bride,  
to be my 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 to honor  
and to cherish unconditionally.  
Forsaking all others, I will be faithful to you.  
With This Ring, I Thee Wed  
Let it ever be a symbol of our Love  
And with this ring, I thee wed.

Bride:

I, Bride, take you, Groom,  
to be my 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 to honor  
and to cherish unconditionally.  
Forsaking all others, I will be faithful to you.  
With This Ring, I Thee Wed  
Let it ever be a symbol of our Love  
And with this ring, I thee wed.

### **Charge to the Wedding Couple**

As the two of you have joined this marriage uniting as husband and

wife, and as you this day affirm your faith and love for one another, I would ask that you always remember to cherish each other as special and unique individuals, that you respect the thoughts, ideas and suggestions of one another. Be able to forgive, do not hold grudges, and live each day that you may share it together - as from this day forward you shall be each other's home, comfort and refuge, your marriage strengthened by your love and respect.

### **Prayer**

Oh God, our hearts are filled with great happiness on this wedding day. They come before You pledging their hearts and lives to one another. Grant that they may be ever true and loving, living together in such a way as to bring happiness to the marriage.

Temper their hearts with kindness and understanding, rid them of all pretense of jealousy. Help them to remember to be each other's sweetheart, helpmate, friend and guide, so that together they may meet the cares and problems of life more bravely. And with the passage of time, may the home they are creating today, truly be a place of love and harmony, where your spirit is ever present.

Bless this union we pray, and walk beside Bride and Groom throughout all their lives together. AMEN

### **Benediction**

May the Lord bless and keep you both on all the days of your lives. May the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

May the Lord provide to you all the Love and Happiness the world has to offer, and above all else, give you His great peace. Amen

## **Marriage Pronouncement**

Bride and Groom , in so much as the two of you have agreed to live together in Matrimony, have promised your love for each other by these vows, the giving of these rings and the joining of your hands,  
I now declare you to be husband and wife.

I present to you Mrs. Bride's First Name and Mr. Groom's Full Name

**You May Kiss!**

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