Introduction and Welcome

Welcome everyone! From this place we take ourselves out of the usual routines of daily living to witness a unique moment in the lives of Bride and Groom. Today they join their lives in the union of marriage.

To all their guests, they are happy to share this moment with you. They have known most of you for many years. You watched them grow up, you went to school with them, or you worked with them. Because you are the ones who have supported them and known them so well, it is only fitting that you are the ones to share this once-in-a-lifetime moment with them.

Bride and Groom are pleased to have their parents in the front row...close to them for the ceremony.

Bride thanks her mother for providing her with every opportunity possible and being the best mother anyone could ask for. Groom appreciates all the love and support his parents gave him over the years.

A wedding day is often a day when couples miss family members no longer with them. For Bride and Groom, there are family members whose memories they hold dear. (Here you can insert references to loved ones that have passed away. Or you can mention loved ones that couldn’t be present for other reasons.)
And so it is that Bride and Groom present themselves to be married today...surrounded by the people they love the most.

As Bride and Groom prepared for the ceremony part of this wedding celebration, they reflected on what it is that they love about each other. And this was the easiest part of planning this wedding!

To the Groom:
Groom, Bride loves that you blend in so comfortably with her family. She sees in you a funny, kind, and sweet man. She loves that you think she is funny and that you always find a way to compliment her. She loves that you always want to be close to her. You remember details of the stories she tells. You want to be part of her family and circle of friends. You help her around the house. Most importantly, you are so close that even when she is at her worst, you have never made her feel like you want anything but to be closer to her.

Bride, Groom loves that you (fill in the blank). He loves your brain, your smile, and your beauty. He appreciates that you are “low maintenance.” He likes that you can be really silly. He loves your emails and texts. He loves your cooking. He loves your kisses. He just really loves you!

You both look to a shared future that includes raising a happy & healthy family. That future also includes a richly lived life together...going out to restaurants, hanging out with family, relaxing at home in front of the TV, singing and dancing...Bride will do the singing, and Groom will do the dancing.

The years will come and go...you won’t take each other for granted, you will laugh a lot, you will be the best parents you can be, you will
grow older and wiser together. It’s a good story, and the ending is not in sight!

You can include a reading here, if you like

Vows

We come now to the words Bride and Groom want to hear the most today... the words that take them across the threshold from being engaged to being married.

A marriage, as most of us understand it, is a voluntary and full commitment. It is made in the deepest sense to the exclusion of all others, and it is entered into with the desire and hope that it will last for life.

Before you declare your vows to one another, I want to hear you confirm that it is indeed your intention to be married today.

Groom, do you come here freely and without reservation to give yourself to Bride in marriage? If so, answer “I do.”

Groom: I do.

Bride, do you come here freely and without reservation to give yourself to Groom in marriage? If so, answer “I do.”

Bride: I do.

Bride and Groom, having heard that it is your intention to be married to each other, I now ask you to declare your marriage vows.

Please face each other and hold hands.
Groom, please repeat after me...
I, Groom take you, Bride, to be my wife.
I will share my life with yours,
and build our dreams together,
Support you through times of trouble,
and rejoice with you in times of happiness.
I promise to give you
respect, love and loyalty.
This commitment is made in love,
kept in faith,
lived in hope,
and made new every day of our lives.

Bride, please repeat after me...
I, Bride, take you, Groom, to be my husband.
I will share my life with yours,
Build our dreams together,
Support you through times of trouble,
and rejoice with you in times of happiness.
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The Rings Please...

Your wedding ring are the outward and visible sign of the inward
and invisible bond which already unites you two hearts in love.

Groom, place the ring on Bride’s finger and repeat after me:
I give you this ring. Wear it with love and joy. As this ring has no end, My love is also forever.

_Bride_, place the ring on _Groom’s_ finger and repeat after me:

I give you this ring. Wear it with love and joy. As this ring has no end, My love is also forever.

May the wedding rings you exchanged today remind you always that you are surrounded by enduring love.

Everyone has advice for newlyweds. _Bride and Groom_, I offer these good wishes to you on this special day. May your life together be blessed with prosperity and good health. May you always share open and honest communication between each other. May you respect each other’s individual talents and gifts and give full support to each other’s professional and personal pursuits.

May you cherish the home and family you will create together. May all the years to come be filled with moments to celebrate and renew your love. May your love be a life-long source of excitement, contentment, affection, respect, and devotion for one another.

_Pronouncement_

And so now by the power vested in me by the state of State, it is my honor and delight to declare you husband and wife. You may seal this declaration with a kiss.

I am pleased to present the newlyweds, 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.