

Secular, Non-Religious Wedding Ceremony Script 11

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Welcoming

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“Honored guests, we gather to participate in a ritual tradition now practiced in nearly every culture or creed throughout humanity, -albeit with some variation, the formal declaration and celebration of marriage. While some weddings may be polygamous, arranged, and/or entirely political, the most common observance here in the west is that of a partnership of a pair of people; a union not of statute, class, obligation, or obeisance, but a mutual bond of love, wherein both parties hope to honor, cherish, and embrace the other indefinitely as they sail into the unforeseeable future.

Bride and Groom thank you for your presence here today and now ask for your encouragement, and support, for their decision to be married. They are grateful that each of you could share this day with them, and they are especially honored that friends and family have travelled great distances to be here.

Bride and Groom, remember that no ceremony can create your marriage; only you can do that, through your consent and cooperation. What this ceremony can do is to witness and affirm the choice you make to stand together as partners.

And now we come to it...”

Declaration of Intent

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Officiant: Will you, *Groom's Full Name*, take this woman to be your wedded wife, for better or worse, in sickness and in health, in conflict and in

tranquility, in poverty and in prosperity, placing her above all others, from this day forward?

Groom: I will

Officiant: Will you, *Bride's Full Name*, take this man to be your wedded husband, for better or worse, in sickness and in health, in conflict and in tranquility, in poverty and in prosperity, placing him above all others, from this day forward?

Bride: I will

Support of Community

Two people in love do not live in isolation. Their love is a source of strength with which they may nourish not only each other but also the world around them. And in turn, we, their community of friends and family, have a responsibility to this couple. By our steadfast care, respect, and love, we can support their marriage and the new family they are creating today.

Will everyone please rise.

Will you who are present here today, surround *Groom* and *Bride* in love, offering them the joys of your friendship, and supporting them in their marriage?

All: We will

Officiant: You may be seated.

Wedding Vows

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Officiant: Before I ask you to recite your vows, I'd ask you to remember that love – which is rooted in respect, trust, and acceptance – will be the foundation of your deepening relationship. Learn to appreciate your differences and strive to make the important things matter and to let go of the

rest. Keep the vows you take here today, not because of any external authority, but out of a desire to love and be loved by another – and your life together will be joyful.

Please repeat after me.

I *Groom*, take you, *Bride* to be my wife and my constant friend.
I will work to create a bond of honesty, respect, and trust that grows along with us.

I vow to honor and respect you for all that you are and will become, taking pride in who we are, both separately and together.

I promise to challenge you, and to accept challenges from you.
I will join with you and our community to create a better world, where love and friendship will be recognized and celebrated in all their many forms.

Above all, I will give you my love.

I pledge this to you from the bottom of my heart, from this day forward.

I *Bride*, take you, *Groom* to be my husband and my constant friend.
I will work to create a bond of honesty, respect, and trust that grows along with us.

I vow to honor and respect you for all that you are and will become, taking pride in who we are, both separately and together.

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Unity Candle

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As a symbol of their union, *Bride* and *Groom* will now join together in the lighting of a unity candle.

(Wait for us to walk over and begin lighting)

Their personal candles will remain lit, representing that they retain their individual identities, while the larger, center candle represents their new identity as a family.

Rings Exchange

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Please repeat after me: I give you this ring, as a daily reminder of my love for you.

By the power of your love and commitment, and the power vested in me, I now pronounce you husband and wife! You may kiss each other!

This wedding ceremony script appears on Free Thoughts Blog. [You can see it here](#). The opening paragraph was written by their officiant, the rest was gathered from random online sources.

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