

Sample Nondenominational Ceremony

Prelude

(Music)

Seating of Guests/Family

Processional

Greeting

Friends and family, we have come together to witness the joining of Amy and John in Matrimony. This is a special time of celebration that Amy and John will long remember, and because of this, they are thankful that you are here to share their joy.

Invocation

Amy and John, today is one of the happiest days of your lives. A marriage is a promise to be kind and understanding, to be thoughtful, considerate, and to share one life together. This love you share will grow with caring kindness, compassion and tenderness. Your love for one another will bond you body, spirit, and soul. Marriage begins a life of giving and sharing, nurturing and support. Allow each other the freedom to change and grow as individuals while developing your mutual spirit as time goes on.

Often marriage is viewed as the coming together of only two persons. In reality, however, marriage is much broader. As we give thanks for the love that brings Amy and John together, so, too, we recognize the merging of families taking place and the additional love and responsibility family and friends bring to this relationship.

Declaration of Intent

John and Amy, have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage/ **We have**

Will you love and honor each other as husband and wife for as long as you both shall live? **We will.**

Exchange of Vows/Rings

The circle has long been a symbol for marriage. These circles are made of precious metal to represent the precious nature of your relationship. Being unbroken circles, each represents unending love. As often as either of you look upon these rings, may you be reminded of this moment and the love you have promised.

John, please repeat after me: I John, take you, Amy, to be my partner, in marriage and in life, to love you and honor you, to be honest and faithful to you, to give thanks for you, to stand by you and care for you all the days of my life. I give you this ring as a symbol of my love and that I am choosing to share my whole life's journey with you. I give you this ring with the pledge to love you, today, tomorrow, and always.

Amy please repeat after me: I Amy, take you, John, to be my partner, in marriage and in life, to love you and honor you, to be honest and faithful to you, to give thanks for you, to stand by you and care for you all the days of my life. I give you this ring as a symbol of my love and that I am choosing to share my whole life's journey with you. I give you this ring with the pledge to love you, today, tomorrow, and always.

Nuptial Blessing

By your free choice you have made a marriage.

No matter what the demands on your lives and your time,

The meaning of your living is now known through your love.

You must nurture each other to fullness and wholeness,

renew yourselves in love and laughter, maintain the capacity for wonder, spontaneity, humor, sensitivity, and save time for each other.

To love each other more deeply and learn to love more fully the Creation in which the mystery of love happens.

Declaration of Marriage

Before this gathering, Amy and John have promised each other their undying love and have exchanged rings to wear as a sign of their everlasting commitment to each other. By the power vested in me, I now pronounce you husband and wife. John, you may kiss the bride!

Recessional

(Music)