

## Commitment Ceremony

### Ceremony #1

"Hello, and welcome to the celebration of the unique and magical union between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,"

"Today, in front of friends and family, they honor their commitment to not just gazing at one another, but to looking outward together in the same direction. Today \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, proclaim their love to the world, and we rejoice with and for them."

"\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, in presenting yourselves here today you perform a remarkable act of faith. This faith can grow and mature and endure, but only if you both determine to make it so. A lasting and growing love is never automatic, nor guaranteed by any ceremony."

"Let the foundation of your union be the pure love you have for each other, not just at this moment, but for all the days ahead, honor faithfully the statements and commitments that you bring here today."

"Faults will appear where now you find contentment, and wonder can be crushed by the routine of daily living. But today you resolve that your love will never be blotted out by the commonplace, obscured by the ordinary, or compromised by life's difficulties."

"Stand fast in that hope and confidence, and believe in your shared future just as strongly as you believe in yourselves and in each other today. Only in this spirit can you create a partnership that will sustain all the days of your lives."

"\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we are here to celebrate as you begin this journey together. It is in this spirit that you have come here today to exchange these vows."

### VOWS

"\_\_\_\_\_, repeat after me:"

"I \_\_\_\_\_ take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my partner for life, I promise above all else to live in truth with you/ and to communicate fully and fearlessly, I give you my hand and my heart / as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, and pledge my love, devotion, faith and

honor as I join my life to yours."

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## RINGS

"Wedding rings are made precious by our wearing of them. Your rings say that even in your uniqueness you have chosen to be bound together. Let these rings also be a sign that love has substance as well as soul, a present as well as a past, and that, despite its occasional sorrows, love is a circle of happiness, wonder, and delight."

" \_\_\_\_\_, take \_\_\_\_\_ ring and put it on her finger, and repeat after me: Just as this circle is without end/ my love for you is limitless/ Just as it is made of indestructible substance, my commitment to you will never fail/ With this ring I take you to be my best friend, lover, and partner for life".

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## PRONOUNCEMENT

" \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Your lives and spirits are joined in a union of love and trust. Above you are the stars and below you the earth. Like the stars your love should be a constant source of light, and like the earth, a firm foundation from which to grow. As you have consented in this ceremony in the presence of friends and family to be partners for life, I now pronounce you married and bound together body and soul."

### Ceremony #2

"Welcome to the ceremony that will unite Mark and Walter in marriage. We gather here today to celebrate their union, and to honor their commitment to not just gazing at one another, but to looking outward together in the same direction."

"Today \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ proclaim their love to the

world, and we rejoice with and for them."

"In marriage, we give ourselves freely and generously into the hands of the one we love, and in doing so, each of us receives the love and trust of the other as our most precious gift. But even as that gift is shared by two people who are in love, it also touches the friends and family members who in various ways support and contribute to the relationship."

"All of you are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ community, and each of you has played some part in bringing them to this moment. This is why gathering as a community is such an important part of a wedding ceremony. Because, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, are now taking a new form as a married couple, and in this form, they become part of their community in a new way."

"\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we are here to remember and rejoice with you and to recount with one another that it is love that guides us on our path, and to celebrate as you begin this journey together, it is in this spirit that you have come here today to exchange these vows."

### VOWS

"\_\_\_\_\_, repeat after me:"

"I \_\_\_\_\_ take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my spouse, I promise above all else to live in truth with you, and to communicate fully and fearlessly, I give you my hand and my heart, as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, and pledge my love, devotion, faith and honor as I join my life to yours."

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### RINGS

"The wedding ring is an unbroken, never-ending circle, as your commitment and love for each other is never-ending. These simple bands are not of great value in themselves, but are made precious by what they represent. They are a symbol to you and the world of your union. Your rings say that you are two individuals bound together. When you look at

these rings, remember the commitment that you have to each other today."

"\_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_'s finger, and repeat after me: Just as this circle is without end, my love for you is eternal/ Just as it is made of indestructible substance/ my commitment to you will never fail/With this ring I take you to be my partner for life."

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"\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ you have shown today by these words which were spoken, that your hearts and souls were destined to be joined. So, by joining hands now and looking into each other's eyes, let it be known that you are joined, body and soul in this lifetime. And now that you have exchanged these vows, it gives me great pleasure to pronounce that you are and will continue to be partners for life."

"You may seal your Union with a kiss."