

Minister: We are gathered today to unite JENNIFER and Jeremy in marriage. This celebration is but an outward sign of an inward union of heart, mind and spirit. This is a celebration of the joining of two souls already attuned to each other. When such a true bond already exists between two people, it is fitting that an outer acknowledgment be made. We are here to bear witness to the entry into the closer relationship of husband and wife of these beloved friends who are already one in spirit.

Minister: Who gives this women to be married to this man?

Father: Her Mother and I do.

Minister: JENNIFER and Jeremy, it is this day you take a giant step of courage and commitment to love, understand and grow. When a commitment this strong is made by two people, the force of that commitment, of that love, of that courage, reaches out and touches all of us around you, so that our lives are changed and we share a part of your love. Like a stone dropped in a still pond, the ripples of the love from this celebration extend and change the world we live in.

You are now taking into your care and keeping the happiness of the one person in all the world whom you love best. You are adding to your life not only the affection of each other, but also the companionship and blessing of a deep trust as well. You are agreeing to share strength, responsibilities and to share love.

In our long history we have never discovered a better way of life than sharing it together in love in a lasting and responsible way. This arrangement seems to meet our deepest human needs for love and companionship, for someone with whom we can share in an intimate and trusting way all the hopes and joy and dreams of life. But real love, JENNIFER and Jeremy, is something beyond the warmth and glow, the excitement and romance of being deeply in love. It is caring as much about the welfare and happiness of your life partner as about your own. Real love is not total absorption into each other, it is looking outward in the same direction together. Love makes burdens lighter because you divide them. It makes joys more intense because you share them. It makes you stronger, so you can be involved with life in ways you dare not risk alone.

AND NOW A READING FROM THE GROOM'S FRATERNITY BROTHERS

Love is the greatest gift that we can offer to one another. That is what makes marriage so very special, and a cause for joy and celebration for all of us who have come here today to share in this event. It is my personal hope and prayer that those of you who have already taken the vows of marriage will witness the love of these two people, and as you listen to them share their vows, perhaps it will strengthen for you the memory of your happy day, and remind you of the meaning of the vows you yourselves once took. Perhaps it will even strengthen just a little bit the bond of love that have been growing

between you, and if any of this should happen, it would certainly be the greatest gift that Jennifer and Jeremy could offer all of us on their wedding day.

Jeremy, will you have Jennifer to be your wife, will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, remaining faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Jeremy replies: "I will."

Minister to Jennifer:

Jennifer, will you have Jeremy to be your husband, will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, remaining faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Jennifer replies: "I will."

Celebrant to Jeremy: "Repeat after me:"

I take you, Jennifer, to be my wife, To have and to hold from this day forward, For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, To love and to cherish as long as we both shall live.

Celebrant to Jennifer: "Repeat after me:"

I take you, Jeremy, to be my husband, To have and to hold from this day forward, For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, To love and to cherish as long as we both shall live.

Minister: May I have the rings, please?

Minister: Jeremy and Jennifer, as these rings are designed without an ending, they speak of eternity. May the incorruptible substance of these rings represent a love glowing with increasing luster through the years. May these rings which you give to each other as the sign of your eternal love, trust, and faithfulness be blessed. May they always remind you of the way you feel this day.

Minister: Jeremy, take Jennifer's ring, and as you place it on her finger and bind her to yourself, repeat after me.

Minister: Jennifer, my love: With this ring, I thee wed, and say to the world This is my wife, whom I cherish above all others."

Minister: Jennifer, take Jeremy's ring, and as you place it on his finger and bind him to yourself, repeat after me.

Minister: Jeremy, my love: With this ring, I thee wed, and say to the world "This is my husband, whom I cherish above all others."

Rose Ceremony

Every member of JENNIFER and Jeremy's family has been given a beautiful rose. Each of these roses represent an individual in the family. As each family member comes forward to place their rose into the vase, let this remind the JENNIFER and Jeremy that they are now joined together as a family with these other individuals, and let this family always live and work together with love and harmony

Officiant says: "I'd like to draw your attention to the special wooden box in front of Jennifer and Jeremy. They have written letters to each other expressing their feelings as they begin their marriage. We will include these letters in the box along with a bottle of wine and two glasses. Together we will seal this box, and on the happy occasion of their anniversary, they will open the box, read the letters, drink the wine, and add new letters to the box. As time passes, they will have a record of the yearly reflection on their relationship and a living document of the growth and depth of their ever evolving relationship.

Jennifer, will you commit yourself to this undertaking?"

Jennifer: "yes"

Officiant: " Jeremy, will you commit yourself to this undertaking?"

Jeremy: "yes"

Officiant: "please seal the box together."

Minister: Let us pray

Father, our hearts are filled with great happiness on Jeremy and Jennifer's wedding day. They come before you, pledging their lives and their hearts to one another. Grant that they may be ever true and loving, living together in such a way as to never bring heartache into their marriage. Temper their hearts with kindness and help them to be sweethearts, helpmates, friend and guide, and together, may they meet the cares and problems of life more bravely. Let them remember the value of each other as individuals, and never take each other for granted. And as time takes away their youthful charm, may they find contentment in the greater joys of rich companionship. May their home truly be a place of love and harmony where your Spirit is ever present. Bless their wedding day, we pray, and walk beside them, through all their life together. May their love continue through life and finally blend into the life eternal. Amen.

Now that you have joined yourselves in matrimony, may you strive always to meet your commitment to love each other with the same spirit you now exhibit. We all bear witness to this ceremony you have just performed, and you are now Husband and Wife.

Jeremy, you may kiss your bride.

Minister: Ladies and Gentlemen, I take great pleasure in presenting to you Mr. and Mrs. Cobb