

Friends, we are gathered here for this wedding ceremony to join in matrimony (names) (or) this man and this woman.

The vows of marriage must be freely and voluntarily given, and are a sacred bond by which both parties assume a new status, under the law and before God.

The married status bestows upon the husband and the wife, rights and obligations that are the most solemn in human relationships. How well these privileges and duties are understood and observed will determine the happiness and welfare of you as individuals, and as a family.

Your happiness for many years to come will be assured only by your considerate and unselfish devotion, each for the other. Upon that foundation of love, your marriage must be built and its continuance must depend. For these reasons, it is important that your mutual vows be fully understood and exchanged with candor and good faith.

Who gives this woman in marriage?)

_____, Will you have _____ to be your lawful wedded wife, and with her to live together in Holy Matrimony pursuant to the laws of God and this State? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her both in sickness and health, and forsaking all others keep you only unto her, so long as you both shall live?
(Man responds).

_____, Will you have _____ to be your lawful wedded husband, and with him to live together in Holy Matrimony pursuant to the laws of God and this State? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him both in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keep you only unto him, so long as you both shall live?
(Woman responds).

(To Both): Will you please face each other, join hands and repeat after me.

Groom I, _____, take you, **Bride**, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better - for worse, in poverty and wealth, through sickness and health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part.

Bride I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better - for worse, in poverty and wealth, through sickness and health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part.

The ring is but an outward symbol of the bonds that will unite these two lives together. May this gift, from one to the other, be a constant reminder of all the bonds uniting your hearts, and of the joy its giving brings.

Groom Place the ring upon **Bride's** finger and repeat after me:

With this ring I thee wed, and my love I pledge to you.

Bride Place the ring upon **Groom's** finger and repeat after me:

With this ring I thee wed, and my love I pledge to you.

Let us pray.

Lord, may this couple remember when they first met and the strong love that grew between them. Help them to see the good in each other and to find the answers to all of their problems. Help them to say the kind and loving things to each other that will continue this beautiful relationship. Help them to understand humility and to be big enough to seek forgiveness. Finally, help them to understand that their marriage is now in your hands and your blessing.

Amen.

By the authority vested in me as a Justice of The Peace, of the State of Montana, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

You may kiss your bride.
Congratulations!

May I present Mr. and Mrs. _____