

# Wedding Ceremony 2

## OPENING PRAYER

God, we ask you to touch the hearts of this couple today as they begin their new lives together and husband and wife.

Let them, as the strings of the harp are singular yet sing with a shared melody, be always mindful of one another's unique and separate selves even as they find courage and solace in one another.

We ask that You guide their steps as they walk a shared path, light their way through the darkness and bless them with strength, honour and truth.

May they always rejoice in their love as they proclaim it this day.

Amen

## PROMISES

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your wife, to cherish her friendship, embrace her fully as your "first thought", to celebrate her strengths, hold her closely through adversity and to give thanks each day for the gift of her love?

"I do"

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your husband, to cherish his friendship, embrace him fully as your "first thought", to celebrate his strengths, hold him closely through adversity and to give thanks each day for the gift of his love?

"I do"

## RING EXCHANGE

\_\_\_\_\_ please look into the eyes and heart of your bride, place the ring upon her finger and repeat after me:

I choose you \_\_\_\_\_,  
openly, joyfully and completely,  
to be my wife.

You alone are my promise,  
You alone are my reason,  
You alone will I cherish  
all the days of my life.

\_\_\_\_\_ please look into the eyes and heart of your husband, place the ring upon his finger and repeat after me:

I choose you \_\_\_\_\_,  
openly, joyfully and completely,  
to be my husband.

You alone are my promise,  
You alone are my reason,  
You alone will cherish  
all the days of my life.

#### MARRIAGE PRONOUNCEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, you have listened to these words of commitment and faith. You have spoken these solemn vows and now wear the outward symbols of honour and love.  
It is at this time that I now pronounce you husband and wife. \_\_\_\_\_ you may kiss your bride to seal these promises in your hearts.

#### BENEDICTION

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, this day you have been joined in the eyes of God and man. Remember, always, the warmth and fullness of your hearts at this moment.  
Walk, hand in hand, through the years that lie ahead: rejoicing in your unity.  
Celebrate one another for you have been blessed with the extraordinary gift of love.  
May you drink deeply of life's joys together.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my very great honour to present, for the first time, Mr and Mrs\_\_\_\_\_.