



Simple Wedding Ceremony Script Sample

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1. **Processional song for the wedding party:** _____
2. **Processional song for the bride's entrance:** _____
3. **Welcome Remarks**

"We are gathered here today in the presence of loved ones to celebrate the marriage of _____ and _____, in this beautiful place. We welcome you all. A wedding is such a wonderful occasion, filled with hopes, dreams, and excitement. We are here today to recognize and witness the decision of _____ and _____ to move forward in their lives as married partners.

If you ask most couples who have a strong and abiding love, what they like most about their partners, they'll usually say that they don't have to pretend to be anything other than who they are. They are able to express themselves without fear of being judged or rejected. There is room in the relationship for both of them to be individuals. They are free to surrender to the possibility of profound intimacy, to be known and loved without condition."

4. **Reading #1**

Our first reading will be read by _____.

Love's Exchange

by Sir Philip Sidney

My true love hath my heart and I have his,
By just exchange one for the other given:
I hold his dear, and mine he cannot miss;
There never was a bargain better driven.
His heart in me keeps me and him in one;
My heart in him his thoughts and senses guides:
He loves my heart, for once it was his own;
I cherish his because in me it bides.
His heart his wound received from my sight;
My heart was wounded with his wounded heart;
For as from me on him his hurt did light,
So still, methought, in me his hurt did smart:
Both equal hurt, in this change sought our bliss,
My true love hath my heart and I have his.

5. Reading #2

Our second reading will be read by _____.

Celtic Blessing

May the God of peace guard
The door of your house,
The door of your heart.
May the road rise to meet you,
And the sun stand at your shoulder.
May the wind be always at your back,
And the rains fall softly upon your fields.
May life itself befriend you
Each day, each night,
Each step of your journey.

May the peace of the spirit be with you
And with your children,
From the day that we have here today
Until the the day of the end of your lives.

6. Marriage Address

"Marriage is the essence of human relationships. It challenges us to be of one accord without abandoning the truth of our individuality. It challenges us to not lose ourselves in one another, but rather to walk side by side heading in the same direction.

As with all relationships, marriage is an endless presentation of choices about how we want to be with another. Each choice results in either more unity or more separation. Choose unity, _____ and _____, every chance you get.

Sacrifice your judgments, expectations, and any other ways that you have learned to separate yourselves from each other.

Share the gifts of your friendship, humor, vulnerability, sensitivity, and kindness. Be sure to find ways each day to protect, affirm, and support each other, and to treasure the balance and shared values that you have found with each other.

Enjoy the intertwining of your independence with your intimacy. I wish you the courage to keep your loving hearts open to each other for the rest of your lives."

7. Ritual: Celebration of the Hands

(Officiant asks the couple to face one another). "Before exchanging rings, please join your hands and with your hands your hearts. These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever. These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future. These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no other. These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind. These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes; tears of sorrow, and as in today, tears of joy. These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children, the hands that will help you to hold your family as one. These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it. And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged, will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch."

8. Vow Exchange

The couple has chosen to write their own vows and will now share them with each other.

9. Ring exchange

"_____, please bring forth the rings. These rings are symbols of the love that joins you spirit to spirit. They represent the oneness, eternity, and renewal inherent in the marriage union. May these rings serve you and those who see them upon your fingers as reminders of the vows you have made here today and of our need to be faithful in all our relationships."

10. Declaration of Marriage

"I now pronounce you married. You may seal this union with a kiss!"

11. Signing of legal paperwork if necessary

12. Recessional song:_____