Standard Civil Ceremony

Minister: _____________ and ________________, today you celebrate one of life’s greatest moments and give recognition to the worth and beauties of love, as you join together in the vows of marriage.

Exchange of Vows

Minister: _______________, do you take ________________, to be your Wife?

Groom: “I do”

Minister: Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect her, forsaking all other and holding only unto her?

Groom: “I do”

Minister: _______________, do you take ________________, to be your Husband?

Bride: “I do”

Minister: Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him, forsaking all other and holding only unto him?

Bride: “I do”
Exchange of Rings

Groom: I _______________, take the, ____________________, to be my wife.
To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you. With this ring I thee wed.

Bride: I _______________, take the, ________________, to be my husband.

To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you. With this ring I thee wed.

Minister: ________________ and ____________________, just as two very different threads woven in opposite directions can form a beautiful tapestry, so can your two lives merge together to form a very beautiful marriage. To make your marriage work will take love.

Love should be the core of your marriage, love is the reason you are here. But it also will take trust- to know in your hearts you want the best for each other. It will take dedication- to stay open to one another; to learn and to grow together even when this is not always so easy to do.

It will take faith, to be willing to go forward to tomorrow, never really knowing what tomorrow will bring. In addition, it will take commitment, to hold true to the journey, you both now pledge to share together.

__________________ and _________________, in so much as the two of you have agreed to live together in Matrimony, have promised your love for each other by these vows, I now declare you to be Husband and Wife.

Congratulations, you may kiss your bride.
Short Ceremony ~ Exchange of Rings

Minister: The wedding ring is a symbol of unity, a circle unbroken, without beginning or end. And today, ___________________and __________________
give and receive these rings as demonstrations of their vows to make their life one, to work at all times to create a love that is whole and unbroken, and to love each other without end.

__________________ take this ring and place it on your bride’s finger and state your pledge to her, repeating after me “This ring I give as a sign of our constant faith and abiding love.”

__________________ take this ring and place it on your groom’s finger and state your pledge to her, repeating after me “This ring I give as a sign of our constant faith and abiding love.”

Minister: _______________ and _________________, just as two very different threads woven in opposite directions can form a beautiful tapestry, so can your two lives merge together to form a very beautiful marriage. To make your marriage work will take love.

Love should be the core of your marriage, love is the reason you are here. But it also will take trust- to know in your hearts you want the best for each other. It will take dedication- to stay open to one another; to learn and to grow together even when this is not always so easy to do.

It will take faith, to be willing to go forward to tomorrow, never really knowing what tomorrow will bring. In addition, it will take commitment, to hold true to the journey, you both now pledge to share together.

__________________ and _______________, in so much as the two of you have agreed to live together in Matrimony, have promised your love for each other by these vows, I now declare you to be Husband and Wife.

Congratulations, you may kiss your bride.
Civil Ceremony (Vows & Ring as One)

Minister: The wedding ring is a symbol of unity, a circle unbroken, without beginning or end. And today, ___________________and __________________

give and receive these rings as demonstrations of their vows to make their life one, to work at all times to create a love that is whole and unbroken, and to love each other without end.

Bride & Groom Exchange Rings as they say below vows:

Groom: (Bride), I take you to be my lawfully wedded wife. Before these witnesses, I vow to love you and care for you as long as we both shall live. I take you, with all your faults and strengths, as I offer myself to you with all my faults and strengths. I will help you when you need help, and will turn to you when I need help. I choose you as the person with whom I will spend my life.

Bride: (Groom), I take you to be my lawfully wedded husband. Before these witnesses, I vow to love you and care for you as long as we both shall live. I take you, with all your faults and strengths, as I offer myself to you with all my faults and strengths. I will help you when you need help, and will turn to you when I need help. I choose you as the person with whom I will spend my life.

Minister: ________________ and ________________, just as two very different threads woven in opposite directions can form a beautiful tapestry, so can your two lives merge together to form a very beautiful marriage. To make your marriage work will take love.

Love should be the core of your marriage, love is the reason you are here. But it also will take trust- to know in your hearts you want the best for each other. It will take dedication- to stay open to one another; to learn and to grow together even when this is not always so easy to do.
It will take faith, to be willing to go forward to tomorrow, never really knowing what tomorrow will bring. In addition, it will take commitment, to hold true to the journey, you both now pledge to share together.

_________________ and ________________, in so much as the two of you have agreed to live together in Matrimony, have promised your love for each other by these vows, I now declare you to be Husband and Wife.

Congratulations, you may kiss your bride.
Unity Candle

Minister: Long before you found each other in this lifetime, your souls burned brightly as one in the heavens. In this lifetime, you have both grown into bright beacons of light that have gained strength and wisdom through your many travels and experiences. Nevertheless, as it was written in the stars, these beacons called out to each other in the darkness. Moreover, as destiny designed their response was love.

Together you stand before us prepared to reunite your soul’s incandescence by rejoining your individual beacons of light back to their original glorious flame: a flame of such magnitude that not even death will extinguish it.

We celebrate with you, and in so celebrating we light this candle in memory of all those who have gone before us or are unable to be with us today in recognition of the power that is love.

_______________ and _____________________, the two lit candles symbolize your separate lives, your separate families and your separate sets of friends. I ask that you each take one candle and that together you light the center candle. The individual candles represent your individual lives before today. Lighting the center candle represents that your two lives are now joined to one light, and represents the joining together of your two families and sets of friends to one.
Sand Ceremony

__________________ and _____________________, today you join your separate
lives together. The two separate bottles of sand symbolize your separate lives,
separate families and separate sets of friends. They represent all that you are and all
that you’ll ever be as an individual. They also represent your lives before today. As
these two containers of sand are poured into the third container, the individual
containers of sand will no longer exist, but will be joined together as one. Just as these
grains of sand can never be separated and poured again into the individual containers,
so will your marriage be.”

Sand Ceremony  w/Vows

Bride & Groom holding each other’s hands and looking into each other’s eyes.

__________________ and _____________________, you have just committed
yourselves to one another through sacred vows. Your lives are no longer two, but one.
To symbolize this joining, we ask that you each pour some sand into this container, as
you pour your sand, please repeat after me: “As these grains of sand merge together
as one, I merge my life with yours. Please take my love throughout the sands of time.
My heart is forever in your keeping.

Officiant: __________________and____________ as these grains of sand are
joined together, so are your hearts, your bodies and your souls in marriage.