

Wedding Ceremony

Used for Same Sex Couples but adaptable for all

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Gordon: (I will open with something short and sweet)

A reading entitled - FOREVER

A guy asked a man if he thought he was cute:

The man said...no

He asked him if he would want to be with him

forever.....and he said no.

He then asked him if he were to leave

would he cry, and once again the man said no.

He had heard enough.

As he walked away, tears streaming down

his face, the man grabbed his arm and said....

You're not cute, you're beautiful.

I don't want to be with you forever.

I NEED to be with you forever.

And I wouldn't cry if you left.....I'd die...

Gordon: Groom and Groom are you ready to enter the

bonds of holy Matrimony, assuming all its rights and

obligations? If you are please indicate by joining your

right hands.

Will you Groom in your heart, body, soul and spirit take Groom to be your loving and blessed partner to share your life together, to laugh, live and celebrate the joys that await you and remain steadfast when faced with sorrow and adversity?

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Gordon: Let us pray: Dear Blessed Spirit of Love, thank you for the gift of the vows of matrimony. Thank you for these blessed words of love and commitment that Groom and Groom have just shared in your witness. May spirit honor and keep them in their truth. Amen.

(Rings Please)

The wedding rings are an ancient symbol of commitment and love. And like a circle, has no beginning and no end. Groom and Groom let these rings that you have exchanged be an outward sign and a reminder to you always of what you offer today as your inward truth and devotion of love for each other.

Gordon: Dear God let us honor and bless the ancient and treasured gift of these rings. Hold with them all the blessings of devotion and love for which they were given. Amen.

Groom repeat after me:

“Groom, with love in my heart and my soul open wide, I place this ring on your finger

And give you my promise of faith, patience and love, for the rest of my life.

As your partner and best friend there is no greater gift I can give you.” With this ring I thee wed.

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The Wine ceremony is a symbol of many faiths. Groom and Groom as you share this cup of wine, you undertake to share all that the future may bring.

(Traditional Jewish blessing, holding up the cup of wine)

Baruch attau Adonai. Elohaynu mellech olum borai perri haguffan. We praise you God, Ruler of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine. Amen

As you share this cup of wine, you undertake to share all that the future may bring. May you find life’s joys heightened, it’s bitterness sweetened, and each of it’s moments hallowed by true companionship and love.

(Groom offers the cup to Groom to drink and then drinks himself.)

Gordon: There is a spiritual teaching that says, “From every human being there rises a light that reaches straight to heaven. And when two souls that are destined for each other find one another, their streams of light flow together, and a single brighter light shines forth from their united being.”

Groom and Groom, truly your souls have found and recognized each other. You have come to see and honor the precious light that shines within each of you. And have come to understand that together you can shine far brighter than either of you ever could alone. What you have pledged to one another today is both a culmination and a beginning. You are truly joined together in love – a love that with continued time and attention, kindness and care, laughter, listening,

courage and faith, can lead you to a richness, depth and fulfillment beyond all imagination.

And as you go from here today, remember that all of our prayers, love, and support go with you. May you always see, honor, and nurture the light in one another, and may the greatest light of your union shine bright and clear through all the days of your lives.

For those of you not familiar with this ritual, it is traditional to shout Mazel Tov, or congratulations after the breaking of the glass.

Our ceremony will conclude with a final blessing, flowed by the ritual breaking of the glass. The fragility of the thin glass that breaks into countless pieces upon impact, represents the fragility of human relationships. Even the strongest love is subject to disintegration. The breaking of the glass has an additional meaning. It

represents the breaking down of barriers between all people. It is an expression of hope for the future.

Pronouncement and Kiss:

By the authority vested in me as a Minister of God and by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with deep joy I pronounce you partners for life and legally married.

You may kiss and rejoice. Let us all rejoice.

Today we celebrate and give thanks for the gift of your love and the right to marry. Today we celebrate and witness this civil marriage that now is a civil right for all. Go forth sharing and offering your light and love to each other and to those you meet each day. May all the blessings of God forever be present on your journey together. Amen.