MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are gathered here today to witness the joining of _____, (<u>NAME</u>) and _____(<u>NAME</u>), in the bonds of matrimony. Marriage is a serious, honorable matter and should not be entered into lightly. I trust the two of you have had enough time to think about what marriage means to you, and that you stand now, before this court and these witnesses, ready to offer each other a life-long commitment based on love, trust and respect.

(NAME) and (NAME), please join hands,

Do you (<u>NAME</u>) take (<u>NAME</u>) to be your lawfully wedded husband/wife/spouse, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness or in health, to love and to cherish, until death to you part?

Do you (<u>NAME</u>) take (<u>NAME</u>) to be your lawfully wedded husband/wife/spouse, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness or in health, to love and to cherish, until death to you part?

The wedding ring is an outward, visible symbol of the inner, spiritual union the two of you have for one another.

HAVE (NAME) PLACE RING ON THIRD FINGER OF (NAME) LEFT HAND & REPEAT:

NAME: With this ring I marry you and pledge my love, honor and devotion.

IF SINGLE RING CEREMONY, HAVE (NAME) REPEAT:

NAME: By accepting this ring, I marry you and pledge my love, honor & devotion

IF DOUBLE RING CEREMONY HAVE (NAME) AND (NAME) REPEAT TOGETHER:

With this ring I marry you and pledge my love, honor and devotion.

I am sure that everyone here today gives you our best wishes for happiness as you meet the years ahead. May you grow together both as individuals and as husband/wife/spouse and husband/wife/spouse. May you always remain open with one another, sharing your thoughts, great and small.

Sample Marriage Ceremony Script 1

For as much as (<u>NAME</u>) and (<u>NAME</u>) have consented to marriage, have stood before these witnesses here today, have joined hands and pledged their love, honor and devotion, under the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Alaska, I pronounce you husband/wife/spouse and husband/wife/spouse.

You may kiss the husband/wife/spouse.

Wedding Vows

We are gathered together before these witnesses to join (<u>NAME</u>) and (<u>NAME</u>) in matrimony. Which is an honorable estate, and not in any way to be entered lightly or unadvisedly, but rather, reverently, discreetly, and soberly.

______ and _____, you stand before me in happy anticipation of you marriage which I am about to witness, but before doing so, it is my duty to remind you of the seriousness of the step you are about to take.

As much as each of you shall belong entirely to the other, so much shall your marriage be a success: for I remind you both that the life of love is a life of sacrifice and compromise, sealed with fidelity, kindness, and understanding of the one to the other.

No greater blessing or happiness can come to you than to have this love, which you now publicly avow, grow ever more profound, true and generous, to the very end of your lives together. As your love for each other becomes more meaningful with the passage of time, the full blessings of the marital estate will be reaped in abundance. May the moment then, when you pronounce the following vows, always shine in your memories, adding splendor to your every triumph and sustaining you in any difficult hours, which may lie ahead.

Will you ______, have (<u>NAME</u>) to be your lawfully wedded husband/wife/spouse, to live together in the state of matrimony: will you, love and honor, in sickness and in health, forsaking all others as long as you both shall live?

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(turn, face each other, join hands, and repeat after me)

(<u>NAME</u>): "I,_____, take thee, _____, to be my wedded husband/wife/spouse, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live."

(<u>NAME</u>): "I, _____, take thee, _____, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live."

The wedding ring is the outward and visible symbol of the inward union of two people. As it encircles the finger, so should love encircle your hearts and bind you together in loyalty and understanding.

(as you place the ring on her finger, repeat after me)

(<u>NAME</u>): "With this ring I thee wed, and with it I pledge my honor, my love and my devotion."

(<u>NAME</u>): "With this ring I thee wed, and with it I pledge my honor, my love and my devotion."

Now that ______ and _____ have exchanged marriage vows before me and those present, and have given and pledge fidelity to each other, under the authority vested in me by the state of Alaska, I now pronounce you husband/wife/spouse and husband/wife/spouse.

(you may now kiss (<u>NAME</u>))

Marriage Ceremony

Minimum as required by AS 25.05.301

Do you ______, in the presence of these two witnesses, take ______ to be your husband/wife/spouse?

Do you ______, in the presence of these two witnesses, take ______ to be your husband/wife/spouse?

I now pronounce you husband/wife/spouse AND husband/wife/spouse.