

## Component Samples

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### Convocation/Opening Words:

#### Sample 1

Rev. T: Welcome Beloved Family and Friends to this Glorious and Exciting Occasion Today we gather in community to celebrate and honor the consecration of love through the bonds of matrimony between Beth and Brian. Together we witness a most sacred relation that brings together lover and friend, a marriage in the partnership of love that Brian and Beth embrace as husband and wife.

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#### Sample 2

(Outdoor wedding under giant oak trees)

Rev. T:

Before you are seated I ask of you to please close your eyes and for a moment remember your love's first blush, raise your fingers to your lips and with all that sweetness and some gusto blow our couple a kiss... now you may be seated

Long ago St. Paul commanded that Christians "Salute one another with a holy kiss". The Druids of ancient Europe kissed under the mistle toe that grew on the old oak trees as Marker in the end of one cycle and the beginning of another. And since the pictographs of ancient Sumeria (3500)BC, Blowing a kiss was directed to the sacred, used to acknowledge the presence of the sacred.

And so it is Beloved Family and Friends you have welcomed and are welcomed to this Exciting and Much Anticipated Occasion

Today we gather to salute the journey of love that publicly marks the end of one way of life and embraces the beginning of another, a sacred union between John and Marcy who have walked into one another's hearts and now together may they walk into ours. As they call upon their sweet and sacred love, they make known their desire and action to commit themselves to loves enduring and sometimes hidden possibilities; bound together by their love, trust and support for one another. And we, blessed beyond measure, sit in witness of such a love, stand ready to support them. Together we witness the tender bond that brings together lover and friend, a most sacred relation, a marriage in the partnership of love that John and Marcy embrace as husband and wife.

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