

## Component Samples

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### **Vows:**

(the samples include only one person speaking although during the ceremony both groom and bride will each speak the vows.)

#### Sample 1

Rev. T: Josh Repeat after me:

Josh: Today, Paula, I join my life to yours, not merely as your husband,  
But as your friend, your lover, and your confidant.  
Let me be the shoulder you lean on,  
The rock on which you rest,  
The companion of your life.  
With you I will walk my path from this day forward.

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#### Sample 2

Andrew: In the name of God

I, Andrew, take you, Becce, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, and in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until we are part of it by death, this is my solemn vow.

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#### Sample 3

Jen, I love you. You are my best friend.  
Today I give myself to you in marriage.  
I promise to encourage and inspire you,  
to laugh with you, and to comfort you  
in times of sorrow and struggle.  
I promise to love you in good times and in bad,  
when life seems easy and when it seems hard,  
when our love is simple, and when it is an effort.  
I promise to cherish you,  
and to always hold you in highest regard.  
These things I give to you today,  
and all the days of our life.

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Sample 4

Rev. T: Jeff Repeat after me:

Jeff: I, Jeff, take you, Tammy, as my friend and love, beside me and apart from me, in laughter and in tears, in conflict and tranquility, asking that you be no other than yourself, loving what I know of you, trusting what I do not know yet, in all the ways that life may find us.

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**The Vows: Spoken Separately and Together**

Rev. T: Do you Sean take Michelle to be your lawful wedded wife to be her friend, her lover, and the father of her children, will you be hers in times of plenty and want, in times of sickness and health, in times of joy and sorrow, in times of failure and triumph? Do you Promise to cherish and respect her, to care and protect, to comfort and encourage, to love and appreciate all that she is until death do you part?

Sean: I do.

Rev. T: Do you Michelle take Sean to be your lawful wedded husband to be his friend, his lover, and the mother of his children, will you be his in times of plenty and want, in times of sickness and health, in times of joy and sorrow, in times of failure and triumph? Do you Promise to cherish and respect him, to care and protect, to comfort and encourage, to love and appreciate all that he is until death do you part?

Michelle: I do.

Rev. T: Now, Michelle and Sean repeat after me to express as one your commitment to each another.

Today we marry as friends; partners, and lovers. We unite in love; to comfort and care for one another; to laugh and work and play together. We affirm our commitment; to support each other; as we continue meeting; the joys and challenges of life. We promise to nurture each other's growth; and encourage each others dreams. We recognize and respect our differences; and enjoy our sameness. All this we pledge to do in the name of love.

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*Minister to Bride and Groom*

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