

 *Inspired Wedding Ceremonies* 

An Intimate Ceremony

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**[Bride] and [Groom]’s Wedding
[Day], [Month Day, Year]**

[Location]

[Address]

Witnesses: [Two are needed]

Bride’s [Witness]

Groom’s [Witness]

The Welcome:

Rev. T:

Welcome

Today we gather to honor the consecration of love through the bonds of matrimony between [Bride and Groom first names]. Together we witness and support the bond of a most sacred relation that brings together lover and friend, a marriage in the partnership of love that [Groom and Bride first names] embrace as husband and wife [or partners in life].

The Invocation:

Rev. T:

Bound by the natural laws unique to their own hearts we call upon the Spirit Of Life to bless [Bride and Groom first names]’s union with that of divine love. May this love forever strengthen, protect and guide them from this day forward so that their life together may nourish the next celebration to come the blossoms that will one day fill the air with sweetness, beauty and remembrance of this hour and that of the next celebration.

The Reading: *(this is just a suggestion but you can pick something else that is more meaningful to you or simply leave it out)*

Rev. T: Today’s reading is

1 CORINTHIANS 13 *Revised Standard Version*

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

And / or

Rumi – Persian poet

The minute I heard my first love story, I started looking for you, not knowing how blind that was. Lovers don't finally meet somewhere. They're in each other all along.

The Expression of intent:

Rev. T: [Bride and Groom first names] with all that has been said today are you ready to move forward, to unite in sacred partnership in the presence of all those whom you have called upon to witness?

[Bride and Groom first names]: Yes!

The Vows:

Rev. T: Do you [Groom] take [Bride] 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?

[Groom]: I do.

Rev. T: Do you [Bride] take [Groom] 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?

[Bride]: I do.

The Blessing and Exchanging of the Rings:

Rev. T: May we have the rings please.

With your hands and hearts joined, may the Spirit and the love that is patient and kind yet bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things forever bless these rings for they symbolize the essence of oneness.

[Groom]/[Bride] take this ring and repeat after me

[Groom]/[Bride]: You are my beloved and my friend. This ring is a symbol of our union, a token of my faith and love. I give it and myself to you with all of my heart.

~ *place ring on left ring finger*

The Pronouncement of Marriage:

Rev. T: [Groom] and [Bride] it is my honor by the power vested in me by the State of New York, By God and By your love to pronounce you Husband and Wife!

The Kiss:

Rev. T: [Groom] you may kiss your bride!

The Benediction: * Groom and Bride *stand facing each other*

Rev. T: Friends, This wedding ceremony will be continued in celebration and it is my hope that it have a lasting effect on all who witness and from it, may we realize the love in our lives as we celebrate the love [Groom] and [Bride] share.

May [Groom] and [Bride]'s journey inspire all of us to recognize love that is patient and kind in our world.

With all this being said, beloved family and friends, it is with great honor to present to you Mr. and Mrs. [Names you wish to announce] or partners in life [Groom] and [Bride]

The Recession:

Rev. T: I thank you all for supporting this ceremony. [any direction for the guests following the ceremony will be added here]