

Two people choose to get married because believe in the power of love. That love is the single most potent force in the universe. It is the source of all joy, the unifying strength which links spirit to spirit. The capacity to love is our great chance for happiness.

There are, of course, many kinds of love and it is possible to feel more than kind of the same person.

On this wonderful day, hearts overflow with feelings of love. Love of family and friends; Love for and from all of you who have come to witness this wedding. Lori and Tim believe so strongly in love's great power that they willing now come to promise to spend the rest of their lives together as Husband and Wife.

Who gives this woman to be married?

(if you want to do this)

Welcome to all of you. Thank you for being here today. We are glad you could make it and hope you enjoy the day.

We'd like to take a moment to also remember the people who can't be here today. We are sure they are with us today in spirit.

Marriage is so many things and we've created this ceremony to express many aspects of marriage. And the best advice can come from the most interesting places.

Take Einsteins theory of Relativity for example:

"Gravitation cannot be held responsible for people falling in love. How on earth can you explain in terms of chemistry and physics so important a biological phenomenon as first love? Put your hand on a stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with that special girl (or in the case of the reason we gather today, special boy or girl) for an hour and it seems like a minute. That's relativity."

There are also always lessons to be learned about marriage and what it may or may not take to have your marriage last. There is wisdom in the following story:

One day while a wife was working in her kitchen, a cupboard door came loose and when her husband got home, she asked him to fix it. He told her, "Do you see the word 'carpenter' written anywhere on this shirt?" She said "no," and he went on his way.

The next day while cleaning in the basement, she found the light didn't work. She changed the light bulb and did everything that she could to try to fix it, but it still wouldn't work. When her husband got home, she asked him, "Honey, do you think you could fix the light in the basement for me?" He simply said, "Do you see the word 'electrician' written anywhere on this shirt!" She said "No," and he went into the living room to relax.

The next day, a pipe in the kitchen began leaking. When her husband got home, she asked him to fix it for her, to which he replied, "No, do you see the word 'plumber' written anywhere on my shirt?" "No," she said, again.

The next day, the husband returned from work and saw that everything was fixed - the pipe, the light, and even the cupboard! He asked her, "Who fixed all of this?" To which she replied, "I asked the neighbor to come over and help, and he gladly agreed."

"Well, how did you repay him for his services?" he asked. "Well," she replied, "he only asked for sex, or cookies." The husband thought a moment then said "So what kind of cookies did you bake him?" The wife quickly snapped back, "do you see 'Betty Crocker' written anywhere on this shirt!"

Keeping that in mind:

Falling in Love is Like Owning a Dog

First of all, it's a big responsibility,

So think long and hard before deciding on love.

On the other hand, love gives you a sense of security: when you're walking down the street late at night and you have a leash on love ain't no one going to mess with you. Because crooks and muggers think love is unpredictable. Who knows what love could do in its own defense?

On cold winter nights, love is warm. It lies between you and lives and breaths and makes funny noises.

Love wakes you up all hours of the night with its needs. It needs to be fed so it will grow and stay healthy.

Love doesn't like being left alone for long. But come home and love is always happy to see you. It may break a few things accidentally in its passion for life, but you can never be mad at love for long.

Is love good all the time? No! No!

Love can be bad. Bad, love, bad! Very bad love.

Love makes messes. Love leaves you little surprises here and there. Love needs lots of cleaning up after.

Sometimes you just want to get love fixed.

Sometimes you want to roll up a piece of newspaper and swat love on the nose,

not so much to cause pain, just to let love know Don't you ever do that again!

Sometimes love just wants to go for a nice long walk. Because love loves exercise.

It runs you around the block and leaves you panting.

It pulls you in several different directions at once, or winds around and around you

until you're all wound up and can't move.

But love makes you meet people wherever you go.

People who have nothing in common but love stop and talk to each other on the street.

Throw things away and love will bring them back, again, and again, and again.

But most of all, love needs love, lots of it. And in return, love loves you and never stops.

And now, for the wedding vows.

Are you ready?

Are you sure?

Do You Tim, solemnly swear (or affirm) That You WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE Institution OF Marriage AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC; or in tight jeans. THAT you WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO Lori; AND THAT you WILL OBEY THE covenant OF marriage with the understanding that the husband is not appointed over the wife just as the wife is not appointed over the husband. Do you promise to Honor and love Lori in sickness and in health, in good times and bad times, Do you promise to cherish her as your most beloved ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS AND THE UNIFORM CODE OF love and JUSTICE. SO HELP you GOD?

Yes, I do, Yes Ma'am, I will

any of the above.

Do You Lori, solemnly swear (or affirm) That You WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE Institution OF Marriage AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC; or in tight jeans. THAT you WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO Tim; AND THAT you WILL OBEY THE covenant OF marriage with the understanding that the husband is not appointed over the wife just as the wife is not appointed over the husband. Do you promise to Honor and love Tim in sickness and in health, in good times and bad times, Do you promise to cherish her as your most beloved ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS AND THE UNIFORM CODE OF love and JUSTICE. SO HELP you GOD?

Yes, I do, Yes Ma'am, I will

any of the above.

Rings

The wedding ring is an unbroken circle, which symbolizes unending and everlasting love. It is a visible symbol that represents your inner commitment to one another. Because these circles are designed without an ending they speak of eternity. May the incorruptible substance of these rings represent a love glowing with increasing luster through the years. May these rings which you give to each other be a sign of your love, trust, and faithfulness.

Repeat after me:

Lori, I give you this ring as a sign of my lifelong devotion. Wear it and Know that I love you.

Tim, I give you this ring as a sign of my lifelong devotion. Wear it and know that I love you.

Lori and Tim:

May your home be filled with laughter and the warm embrace of a summer day.

May you find peacefulness and beauty, challenge, and satisfaction, humor and insight, healing and renewal, love and wisdom, as in a quiet heart.

May you always feel that what you have is enough.

May you be blessed by God. May you be touched by angels.

May your hearts stay full, may your spirits stay connected, and may you love long and happily in one another's arms.

I now pronounce you Husband and Wife!

You may kiss the bride!!