

Touch of Destiny

Good afternoon. We are here today to bear witness to _____ and _____ in their desire to enter into the Holy Bond of Marriage.

Of the three greatest institutions – The home, the church, and the state _ the home is the most sacred, in the consummation of the first marriage. The woman whom God made as a helpmate for man was not taken from his head to rule over him, nor from his feet to be trampled by him. But from his side that she might be his equal. From under his arm that she might receive his protection, and from near his heart that she might own and command his love. The relationship of a husband and wife is the most sacred when it is the “two souls with a single thought – two hearts that beat as one.”

HAND CERMONY

Please face each other and take each other's hands so that you may see the gift that they are to you. These are the hands of you best friend, strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever.

These are the hands that will work along side of yours as together you build you future. These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch will comfort you like no other.

These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes, tears of sorrow and tears of joy.

These are the hands that will give you support and encouragement to chase down your dreams.

These are the hands that will hold you tight as you struggle through difficult times.

These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it.

These are the hands that will lift your chin and brush your cheek as they raise you face to look into the eyes that are filled with overwhelming love for you.

And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged will still be reaching for you, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.

VOWS

_____ have you come here today of your own free will and without any reservation, to take _____ as you lawfully wedded wife? If so say I DO.

_____ have you come here today of your own free will and without any reservation, to take _____ as you're lawfully wedded husband? If so say I DO.

RING CERMONY

God, we ask you to bless these rings and the two who exchange them. Fill them with your presence. Keep them safe in the circle of your protection and love.

I _____, with this ring, I pledge my love faithfulness to you today, tomorrow and always.

I _____, with this ring, I pledge mu love faithfulness to you today, tomorrow and always.

_____ and _____, you are connected in a way that goes beyond romance, beyond friendship, beyond what you've ever had before.

Your relationship has defied time, distance and changes in yourselves and in your lives.

It has defied every explanation except one- purely and simply, you're soul mates intertwined.

It's the way your spirit lifts whenever you talk, how the sound of each other's voices brings you home in a way you can't explain.

It's in the way you laugh at exactly the same things, how you think alike and how just a look can mean so much.

It's how you cherish beyond measure, the devotion, trust and passion that grow stronger each day.

Because if these things, and so much more, you have a once in a lifetime, forever connection that could only exist between the two of you; an amazing gift from God.

PRONOUNCEMENT

Forasmuch as you _____ and _____, in the presence of God and these witnesses, have openly declared your wishes to be united in marriage by declaring your vows and exchanging of rings, I, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as an ordained minister of the State of Arizona, pronounce you husband and wife.

_____ you may now kiss your bride.

And now it is my pleasure to present for the first time,
Mr. and Mrs. _____