



WEDDING CEREMONIES

TRADITIONAL

THE WELCOME

The Traditional Ceremony starts like this, “We welcome all of you here today as we come together in the presence of God and these witnesses to join _____ and _____ holy matrimony.”

THE CONSENT

_____, do you take _____ to be your lawfully wedded spouse, to live together after God’s ordinance....”

CONTEMPORARY

THE WELCOME

The Contemporary Ceremony starts like this, “Friends and family of _____, we are here today because love has gathered us together. On this day, _____ and _____ will pledge their lives as one, and commit themselves to each other forever in marriage, etc.”

THE CONSENT

_____, will you have _____ to be your _____, to live together in the bonds of marriage? Will you commit yourself to them and them alone? And will you promise to love them, care for them, and stand by them through all that life may bring, as long as you both shall live, etc.



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CIVIL (NON-RELIGIOUS)

THE WELCOME

The civil Ceremony starts like this, "Love is a miraculous gift, and a wedding is a celebration of that gift. We come here today to celebrate this gift of love..."

THE CONSENT

_____ and _____ do you come here of your own free will, accompanied by your family's blessings, to be united forevermore?

SECOND TIME AROUND

What a joy it is to gather here today to celebrate the rebirth of love in the hearts of two very special people, etc.

This ceremony contains the poem, "Second Time Around". Here are a few excerpts:

"Love is lovelier the second time around. Just as wonderful with both feet on the ground."

"Love's more comfortable the second time you fall. Like a friendly home, the second time you call."



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ALL IN THE FAMILY (CHILDREN INCLUDED)

On behalf of _____ and _____, I would like to thank all of you for being here to share their special day. We are here to witness not only the beginning of a new marriage, but also the beginning of a new family. Today _____ and _____ will be united in marriage, and Children's names will be entering this new family to make it complete.

VOW RENEWAL

Friends and family of the _____ and _____, today, we have come together to bear witness to the fact that real love, true love, is something so pure and so powerful that it can endure the challenges of life and withstand the tests of time. Years ago you took your wedding vows, and though many things have changed; one thing remains constant — your love.