

Processional:

(Seating of the guests and escort of the family)

(Music starts for the Bridal Party entrance)

Introduction: Dearly beloved we are gathered here today, to unite ___&___ in the eternal bond of marriage. ___&___ have chosen to give their lives to each other in the company of family and friends, near and far. On behalf of the couple I would like to thank you all for joining us on this wonderful day of love, laughter, and faith. I would like to ask everyone to please temporarily mute all cell phones and other noise making devices for the duration of the ceremony.

Purpose: ___&___ this contract is not to be entered into lightly but thoughtfully and seriously with deep realization of its obligations and responsibilities. Please remember that the love, loyalty, and understanding are the foundations of a happy and enduring home.

Reference Verse: I would like to take a moment to read a verse from _____.

Declaration of Intent: ___&___ please turn to each other and join hands.

GROOM: Do you ___ take this woman ___ to be you lawfully wedded wife, to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, in good times and bad times, for richer or poorer, keeping yourself unto her as long as you both shall live? If so, answer with "I DO".

BRIDE: Do you ___ take this man ___ to be you lawfully wedded husband, to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, in good times and bad times, for richer or poorer, keeping yourself unto him as long as you both shall live? If so, answer with "I DO".

Vows Exchange: The couple has chosen to write their own vows.

Unity:

SAND: ___&___ have chosen to unite their families by taking part in a sand ceremony. As these two containers of sand are poured into the third container, the individual containers of sand will no longer exist, but will be joined together as one. Just as these grains of sand can never be separated and poured again into the individual containers, so will your marriage be, united as one for all of your days.

CANDLE: ___&___ have chosen to unite their families by taking part in a candle ceremony. The two lighted candles symbolize your separate lives, your separate families and your separate sets of friends. I ask that you each take one candle and that together you light

the center candle. Each flame will be joined together forming an eternal bond that cannot be separated, so your marriage will be, united as one for all of your days.

Ring Ceremony:

GROOM: ___ will you take this ring and place it upon ___'s finger, and as you do, repeat after me, these words:

With this ring, I give you my heart, I promise from this day forward, you shall not walk alone, may my heart be your shelter, and my arms be your home.

BRIDE: ___ will you take this ring and place it upon ___'s finger, and as you do, repeat after me, these words:

With this ring, I give you my heart, I promise from this day forward, you shall not walk alone, may my heart be your shelter, and my arms be your home.

Pronouncement: If there is anyone present who may show just cause as to why this couple may not be legally wed, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

By the authority vested in me by the state of Kentucky, I now pronounce you both husband and wife. ___ you may kiss your bride!

Ladies and gentleman, it is my honor to introduce to you, for the first time in public, MR and MRS _____!

Recessional: *(Bridal Party follows bride and groom as they exit the ceremony.)*

(Announcements: Location or reception, etc.)