

Marriage
of
Groom
and
Bride

Cape Horn, Washington

Month Day, Year



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WELCOME

Officiant: We are here on this special day to celebrate and witness the joining of two separate lives. Groom and Bride are about to embark on a journey that will last all of their days...a journey begun when the word love was only whispered quietly in their hearts.

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

Officiant: Groom and Bride, do you come here today of your own free will to marry? **Couple reply:** We do.



VOWS

Officiant to Groom: Groom, please repeat after me:

I, Groom, take you, Bride, to be my wife.

I will cherish our friendship.

I will trust and honor you.

I will love you faithfully through the best and worst.

These things I promise you all the days our lives.

I choose you as the one person with whom to spend my life.

Officiant to Bride: Bride, please repeat after me:

I, Bride, take you, Groom, to be my husband.

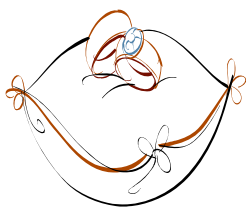
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EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Officiant: Do you have rings to exchange?

Bride and Groom: Yes, we do.

Officiant to Groom: Groom, as you place this ring on your Bride's finger, please repeat after me:

Bride, I give you this ring as a lasting symbol of my abiding love.

(Officiant hands ring to Bride to place on Groom's finger.)

Officiant to Bride: Bride, as you place this ring on your Groom's finger, please repeat after me:

Groom, I give you this ring as a lasting symbol of my abiding love.

CREATING A FAMILY BOND

Officiant: Groom and Bride, may your shared love bring you happiness and prosperity through all the years to come.

May you always cherish and affirm your partnership as you laugh and cry, be sick and well, be angry and forgive, and meet life's challenges together.

Today, as part of this marriage ceremony, you and your children will create an artful work of sand to symbolize your individual spirits and shared love that will join all of you as a united family.

Officiant: I will begin your vase with a layer of pebbles to affirm that your marriage has a solid foundation. (Officiant pours pebbles into vase.)

Officiant: Now, Groom, please add some of your sand to represent the individual strengths you bring to this marriage and family.

Officiant: Bride, please add some of your sand to represent the individual strengths you bring to this marriage and family.

Officiant: And now, Groom and Bride, please pour the rest of your sand together to symbolize your lives joining as one.

(Together, groom and bride pour sand into vase at same speed until their separate jars are empty.)

Officiant: Groom and Bride would now like to honor the significant contribution that (children's names) bring to this marriage celebration and the new family you are creating today.

Officiant: Would each of you help build this artful family vase by pouring your own sand, each one pouring...all at the same time? And, as you do so, notice how your individual colors of sand flow easily together.

Officiant: Groom, Bride, (children's names), just as your individual grains of sand can never be separated back to their separate containers, may this rainbow of colors be a bond that always unite your family.

CHARGE TO COUPLE

Officiant: Groom and Bride, today you marry your best friend. Live and dream with each other. Revel in life's simple joys. Aspire to do great things. Support, appreciate, strengthen, and comfort each other. Share life together filled with compassion, happiness, and peace. Most of all, love each other.

PRONOUNCEMENT

Officiant: Now, Groom and Bride, with the power vested in me by the State of Washington, I pronounce you husband and wife.

You may KISS!

PRESENTATION

Officiant: I am honored to present to all of you for the very first time as husband and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Groom and Bride.

