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We gathered today here in the presence of friends and family, together under God to celebrate the love which (BRIDE) and (GROOM) have for each other, to give social recognition to their decision to commit their lives and accept each other completely, to learn how to help and understand each other, to build a family, and together, to travel through life.

Who has the honour of presenting this woman to be married to this man?

If anyone present knows a reason why (BRIDE) and (GROOM) may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now or forever hold your peace.

(BRIDE) and (GROOM), if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

(OPTION 1) (BRIDE) and (GROOM) come from different faith backgrounds and now have chosen to share their love and commitment for one another.)

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OPTION 2: (BRIDE) grew up in a Christian family and (GROOM) in a Muslim family. The Jewish word for God is Eloah. The Arab word for God is Allah. Whatever words one might use to refer to God is not important. Whatever rites one might employ to celebrate God is also not important. Faith, is what is in your heart and all the good things you do because of it.

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READING:

You were born together, and together you shall be forevermore.
You shall be together when the white wings of death scatter your days.
Ay, you shall be together even in the silent memory of God.
But let there be spaces in your togetherness,
And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.

Love one another, but make not a bond of love:
Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.
Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.
Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf
Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone,
Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.

Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.
For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.

And stand together yet not too near together:
For the pillars of the temple stand apart,
And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow.

(OPTION 1) (GROOM), "Do you take (BRIDE) to be your wedded wife, to share your life openly, standing with her, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in hardship and in ease, to cherish and to love, so long as you both shall live?"

(BRIDE), "Do you take (GROOM) to be your wedded husband, to share your life openly, standing with him, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in hardship and in ease, to cherish and to love, so long as you both shall live?"

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(OPTION 2) Minister: (To the bride and groom), repeat after me:

I, (GROOM) take you (BRIDE) to be my wife, and my better half. I will take care and cherish our relationship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever. I will always be open, honest, and faithful to you. I take you for my wife, to have and to hold from this day on, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish for all the days of my life and until my last breath.

I, (BRIDE) take you (GROOM) to be my husband, and my better half. I will take care and cherish our relationship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever. I will always be open, honest, and faithful to you. I take you for my husband, to have and to hold from this day on, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish for all the days of my life and until my last breath.

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Minister: Please say your vows: (optional vows or you can write and say your own to each other)

I, Bride, take you (GROOM), to be my husband, my best friend, my lover, my faithful partner and my other half from this day forward. I will cherish our union and love you more with each passing day. I will trust you and respect you, laugh with you and cry with you, care for you and protect you. When I am moody and crabby I promise to not take it all out on you.. Most importantly, I give you my promise to love you faithfully through good times and bad, regardless of the obstacles we may face together. I give you my hand, my heart, and all of my love, from this day forward for as long as I shall live.

I, (GROOM), take you, (BRIDE), to be my best friend, my lover, the mother of my children and my wife. I will be yours in times of plenty and in times of need, in times of sickness and in times of health, in times of joy and in times of sadness, in times of failure and in times of victory. I promise to cherish and respect you, to care and protect you, to comfort and encourage you, and to faithfully stay with you, for the rest of my life.

(OPTION 1) Minister: Do we have rings?

I (BRIDE) give you (GROOM) this ring as a symbol of my love and commitment to you.

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(OPTION 2) Minister: (GROOM), repeat after me:

This ring, which has no beginning and no end, symbolizes the love and trust between us that will never cease. May its presence on your hand remind you of my love and vow. I place it on your finger as a visible sign of the promises which have made us husband and wife.

Minister: (BRIDE), repeat after me:

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By the authority vested in me under the Marriage Act of the Province of Ontario and by the Grace of God, I declare that from this day forward, you are now husband and wife.

(GROOM) you may kiss your bride.

Signing of the Register

Ladies and gentlemen, I am honored to present to you for the very first time Mr. and Mrs. (Last Name)