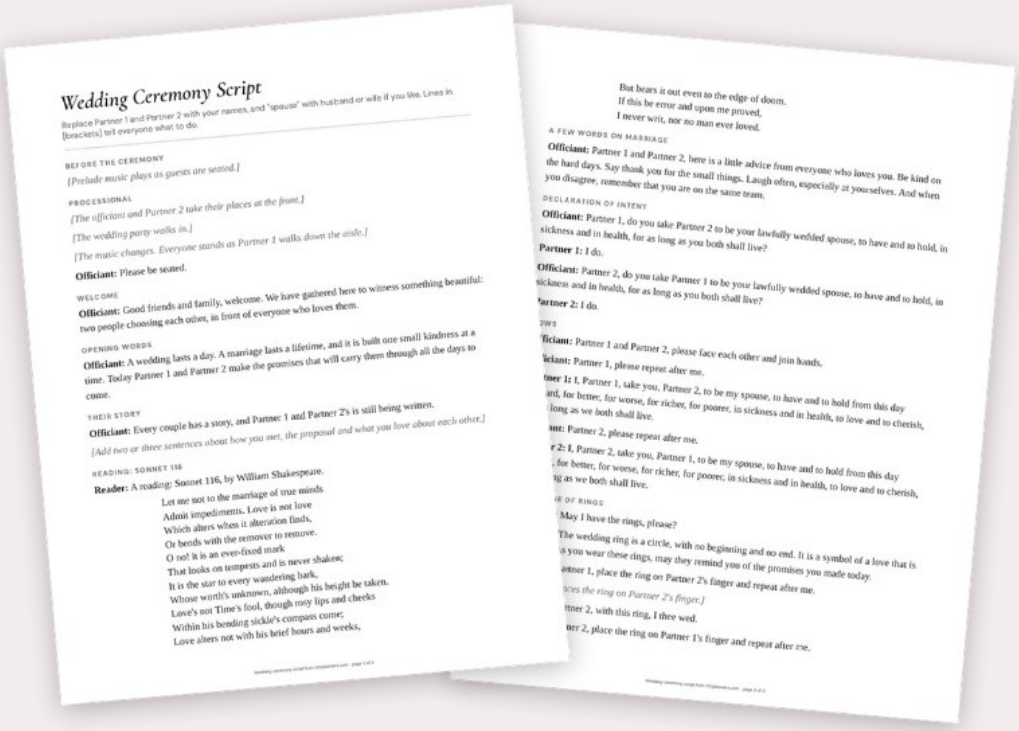
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Wedding Ceremony Script

Generator + printable script for the officiant



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Replace Partner 1 and Partner 2 with your names, and "spouse" with husband or wife if you like. Lines in (brackets) tell everyone what to do.

BEFORE THE CEREMONY

[Prelude music plays as guests are seated.]

PROCESSIONAL

[The officiant and Partner 2 take their places at the front.]

[The wedding party walks in.]

[The music changes. Everyone stands as Partner 1 walks down the aisle.]

Officiant: Please be seated.

WELCOME

Officiant: Good friends and family, welcome. We have gathered here to witness something beautiful: two people choosing each other, in front of everyone who loves them.

OPENING WORDS

Officiant: A wedding lasts a day. A marriage lasts a lifetime, and it is built one small kindness at a time. Today Partner 1 and Partner 2 make the promises that will carry them through all the days to come.

THEIR STORY

Officiant: Every couple has a story, and Partner 1 and Partner 2's is still being written.

[Add two or three sentences about how you met, the proposal and what you love about each other.]

READING: SONNET 116

Reader: A reading: Sonnet 116, by William Shakespeare.

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove.
O no! it is an ever-fixed mark
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wandering bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,

But bears it out even to the edge of doom.
If this be error and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

A FEW WORDS ON MARRIAGE

Officiant: Partner 1 and Partner 2, here is a little advice from everyone who loves you. Be kind on the hard days. Say thank you for the small things. Laugh often, especially at yourselves. And when you disagree, remember that you are on the same team.

DECLARATION OF INTENT

Officiant: Partner 1, do you take Partner 2 to be your lawfully wedded spouse, to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for as long as you both shall live?

Partner 1: I do.

Officiant: Partner 2, do you take Partner 1 to be your lawfully wedded spouse, to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for as long as you both shall live?

Partner 2: I do.

VOWS

Officiant: Partner 1 and Partner 2, please face each other and join hands.

Officiant: Partner 1, please repeat after me.

Partner 1: I, Partner 1, take you, Partner 2, to be my spouse, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, for as long as we both shall live.

Officiant: Partner 2, please repeat after me.

Partner 2: I, Partner 2, take you, Partner 1, to be my spouse, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, for as long as we both shall live.

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Officiant: May I have the rings, please?

The wedding ring is a circle, with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of a love that is forever. As you wear these rings, may they remind you of the promises you made today.

Officiant: Partner 1, place the ring on Partner 2's finger and repeat after me.

[Places the ring on Partner 2's finger.]

Partner 2: Partner 2, with this ring, I thee wed.

Officiant: Partner 2, place the ring on Partner 1's finger and repeat after me.

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