

Hawaiian Ceremony

(Groom) and (Bride), we are here to celebrate your marriage. This day you have chosen to affirm your love for each other with spoken words, with prayer, and with the sharing of symbols.

VERSE BY THE SEA

Marriage is a commitment to life... to the best that two people can find and bring out of each other. It offers opportunities for sharing and growth no other human relationship can equal, a physical and emotional joining that is promised for a lifetime. Within the circle of it's love, marriage encompasses all of life's most important relationships. A wife and husband are each other's best friend, confidant, lover, teacher, and listener. There may come times when one partner is heartbroken or ailing, and the love of the other brings healing and steadfastness of a sturdy foundation that allows the marriage covenant to be established. Marriage deepens and enriches every facet of life. Happiness is fuller; memories are fresher; commitment is stronger. Marriage understands and forgives the mistakes life is unable to avoid. It encourages and nurtures new life, new experiences, and new ways of expressing love through the seasons of life. When two people pledge to love and care for each other in marriage, they create a spirit unique to themselves, which binds them closer than any spoken or written words. Marriage is a promise, made in the hearts of two people who love each other, and this will take a lifetime to fulfill. Aloha to you both! Welcome to our island!

SHARING OF LEIS

For those of us who call Hawaii home, the flower lei is a symbol of love, it is also a symbol of things fragile and temporal. A flower lei will last for a day or two and then it is gone. Our lives are like the lei within the span of eternity. We are here in this lifetime for only a brief moment. May the leis you now offer each other be recognized for the earnestness of your love for each other.

The Hawaiians have a traditional saying, “Honi ka waa” (kiss her/him on the mouth).

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

(Groom), do you wish for (Bride) to be known as your wife? If so, please say, “I do.” (Bride), do you wish for (Groom) to be known as your husband? If so, please say, “I do.” (Groom) and (Bride) do you promise to let you love for each other grow, as it will, as it must, so that in the years to come, you will renew your acceptance, your understanding and your trust of one another? If so, please say, “We promise.”

MARRIAGE VOWS

(Repeat after the minister) I, (Groom) take you (Bride) to be my wife. I promise to love you, only you, and cherish you. I will be a companion to you. I will share my strengths and my achievements. I promise to respect you and be a friend to you for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health as long as we both shall live. (Repeat after the minister) I, (Bride) take you (Groom) to be my husband. I promise to love you, only you, and cherish you. I will be a companion to you. I will share my strengths and my achievements. I promise to respect you and be a friend to you for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health as long as we both shall live.

RING CEREMONY

The wedding rings are a symbol of longevity in the marriage covenant. The circle of the ring symbolizes a never ending circle of love and commitment that you are making. Always see the best in each other and each day that you are together. Let it be full of the beauty of the never ending love you have for each other through the symbols of these rings. (Repeat after the minister) (Groom), I give this ring to you as a sign of my love. I give myself to you to be your husband so that from this day forward you shall not walk alone. I feel so honored to have you as my wife. I vow to love and sustain you in the covenant of our marriage from this day forward, in sickness and in health, in

plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, as long as we both shall live.
(Repeat after the minister) (Bride), I give this ring to you as a sign of my love. I give myself to you to be your wife so that from this day forward you shall not walk alone. I feel so honored to have you as my husband. I vow to love and sustain you in the covenant of our marriage from this day forward, in sickness and in health, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, as long as we both shall live.

PRONOUNCEMENT

We have witnesses to this special day. Therefore, I, and those of us here with you, recognize that you have become husband and wife and we and all of your family and friends shall honor you as the same from this day forward.

(PRAYER OF BLESSINGS IN HAWAIIAN AND THEN

INTERPRETATION): Choose One

A. IMAU AKU KALOKO MAI KA'I O KA HAKU O IESU CRISTO ME KEALOHA O KEAKUA A MEKALAUNA PUANA O KA'UHANE HEMOLELE ME KA KO APA'U. MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE COMMUNION OF HIS SPIRIT BE WITHN YOU ALWAYS. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU, MAY GOD'S FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU; MAY GOD LIFT UP HIS COUTENANCE UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE. AMEN

BENEDICTION

(Groom) and (Bride), remember this day here in beautiful Kapalua with joy and thanksgiving, and may you love to live and live to love. Now therefore by the authority given unto me, by the laws of the state of Hawaii, I now pronounce that you are husband and wife. Therefore (Honi Ka Wa'a) You may kiss your bride! I present to you Mr. And Mrs. (Groom) and (Bride) (Last Name)! Aloha E! Aloha E! Aloha E!