

PARTIAL SAMPLE of HAWAIIAN CEREMONY:

Kahuna blows the Triton-Pu shell horn.

KAHUNA/MINISTER SAYS: (to escort) Who gives this hand in marriage today? (I do)

The Lei Exchange: *At the start of the ceremony when the wedmate makes an entrance and meets the other wedmate, they take the leis being held by their loved ones (or the minister / kahuna), and adorn each other with them. If possible, place the lei so that it hangs down an equal distance in the front and back of the person.*

KAHUNA SAYS: (to all) Aloha to you all! Today we come together in the Hawaiian spirit of Aloha to celebrate this new marriage. ****spouse1**** and ****spouse2**** say “eh-como-my-ee” or Welcome! to everyone for this joyous celebration!

First, the giving of a lei is an expression of Aloha so our happy couple exchanged leis as a symbol of their deep love for each other. It is helpful to explain that the word Aloha means “unconditional love, kindness and connection with great affection and warmth.” Also, the Hawaiian word, Ohana, means “belong entirely to each other; to be one in mind and one heart, one family.”

When two people promise to share.....

[SKIP TO RINGS]

(to couple) Your wedding rings are a symbol of your eternal aloha for one another and commitment to your marriage. Please join hands as I offer a blessing for these rings: Dear God, please bless ****spouse2**** and ****spouse1**** in their deep aloha for each other. May these rings always be a symbol of the commitment and faith they have in each other. May they serve as a beautiful reminder that true love, like these rings, has no end. And because love moves in a circle—it must be given, as well as received, to truly express itself. Divine Creator, please bless the one who gives this ring and the one who wears it. May ****spouse2**** and ****spouse1**** abide in your peace, and continue forever in love. Aloha and amen.

(to groom) ****spouse1****, please place the ring on ****spouse2****'s left hand and repeat after me: ****spouse2****, this ring I give you in the spirit of Ohana, my personal gift of love, trust, and pride that you are my wife. We will wear these rings, and the world will know that I am yours and you are mine.

[SKIP TO END]

****spouse1**** and ****spouse2**** you have pledged your eternal Aloha to one another and your commitment to live together faithfully in holy wedlock. By the hano-hano given me by our Holy Creator and in the presence of those who love you, it is my honor to pronounce you husband and wife/to each other!

(to couple) I ask you now to seal these promises you have made with a kiss. (BIG KISS)

(to guests) Ladies and Gentlemen, I proudly present to you the new _____! Aloha!

(Kahuna announces and blows Triton Pu horn shell)