

## **PARTIAL SAMPLE** of MODERN 3 NON-RELIGIOUS:

(to all) Welcome everyone, to this lovely and amazing place and time. We are gathered here today to take part in the most time-honored celebration of the human family, uniting two people, **\*\*spouse1\*\*** and **\*\*spouse2\*\***, in marriage. And you, dear friends and family, have come here to witness the telling of their love for each other.

(to couple) I remind you that you are performing an act of complete faith each in the other; that the heart of your marriage will be the relationship you create. In a world where faith sometimes falls short of expectation, it is a wonderful tribute to you who now join hands and hearts in perfect faith, together.

(to couple) And now a reading by Robert Fulghum called, "From the First Glance":

You have known each other from the first glance of acquaintance to this point of your commitment. At some point, you decided to marry. From that moment of yes, to this moment of yes indeed, you have been making commitments in an informal way. All of those conversations you held ...in a car, or over a meal, or during long walks... For after today you shall say to the world: 'This is my husband. This is my wife.'

### **[SKIP TO I-DO'S]**

(to bride) Do you, **\*\*spouse2\*\*** offer yourself wholly and joyfully? And do you choose **\*\*spouse1\*\*** as the person with whom you will share your life, in laughter and in tears, in conflict and tranquility, loving what you know of him, and trusting what you do not yet know? (I do)

### **[SKIP TO VOWS]**

(to groom) **\*\*spouse1\*\***, please repeat after me as you look at your beautiful bride:

I **\*\*spouse1\*\*** take you **\*\*spouse2\*\*** to be my wife, my partner in life and my one true love. I will cherish our union and love you more each day than I did the day before. I will trust you and respect you, laugh with you and cry with you, loving you faithfully through good times and bad, regardless of the obstacles we may face together. I give you my hand, my heart, and my love, from this day forward for as long as we both shall live.

### **[SKIP TO END]**

As those who Life has brought them here to be joined together today, let no one else put asunder. In so much as **\*\*spouse1\*\*** and **\*\*spouse2\*\*** consent to be together in faithful wedlock, pledge the same to each other in the presence of this company, poured your sands together, and declare same by the giving and receiving of rings; therefore I pronounce that you are now, as your hearts have always been, husband and wife/to each other.

(to groom) **\*\*spouse1\*\***, you may kiss your lovely bride!

*(minister announces and blows Triton shell horn) OPTIONAL*