PARTIAL SAMPLE of MODERN 1:

MINISTER SAYS (to escort) Who gives their blessing to this new marriage? (I do/Her mother & I do/ We all do)

(to guests) Greetings and hello! I welcome you here to witness and celebrate an act of love. **spouse2** and **spouse1**, in their devotion, respect and love for each other, wish to unite in the sacred bond of matrimony and dedicate themselves in the presence of Mother-Father-God to the happiness and wellbeing of each other [*IF YOU HAVE KIDS—and their new family*] as wedmates, co-parents and partners.

They also would like to thank you all for being here today and for supporting them through everything that it took to make this day happen. Each of you is a blessing. All the times and precious conversations that you had with them, even before they met, has helped them become who they needed to be. You shared in their best and worst days, and each of you is forever irreplaceable because you are among the greatest gifts that Spirit gave them. You are the ones they call Family and Friend…and they thank and bless you deeply for that.

(to all) Let us begin with a reading. "The Keys To Love" which was written in China almost 2,000 years ago. It is amazing and comforting how love transcends time and culture to speak to our souls even now.
One key to love is understanding…

[SKIP TO I-DO'S]

(to groom) Do you, **spouse1**, knowing this woman's love for you and returning it, realizing her strengths and learning from them, recognizing her weaknesses and helping her to overcome them, take **spouse2** to be your wedded wife? *[I do]*

[SKIP TO END]

(to all) In the presence of the All-Knowing and those who love you, **spouse2** and **spouse1**, you professed your wishes to be united in marriage, set forth the same by joining hands, exchanging rings and declaring your vows, I pronounce that you are now as your hearts have always been: Husband and Wife/to each other.
I ask you now to seal the promises you have made, with a kiss!

(minister announces and blows Triton shell horn) OPTIONAL