

## Romantic Ceremony – Beside the Lake

Today is a day of celebration. We are here, on Lake Erie, surrounded by incredible beauty to celebrate life, love and the beauty of relationships. But more importantly, you are here to embark on an incredible journey and set sail for a magical life together.

It is such a wonderful blessing that the two of you have found each other in this world. Your hearts met through your relationship, unfolded vulnerable honesty, gentle caring, and that crazy little thing we call love, which has bonded you for life.

The beauty of this marriage is that you will always continue to learn together and teach each other, to open each other to explore new ideas, to share life and bring out the very best in one another.

The two of you will never lose your freedom by being married. Your world will become larger and your options more abundant than what would have been alone. What could be more beautiful? What could have been more fun?

**Chaplain:** Do you \_\_\_\_\_, promise \_\_\_\_\_, to be forever faithful and honest, to share with her your dreams and your fears, to cherish her for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health and to be forever close in your souls?

**Groom:** I do.

**Chaplain:** Do you \_\_\_\_\_, promise \_\_\_\_\_, to be forever faithful and honest, to share with her your dreams and your fears, to cherish her for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health and to be forever close in your souls?

**Bride:** I do.

**Chaplain:** Do you have the rings, which you are about to exchange, serve to remind us that a circle is a symbol of the sun, the earth, and the universe. A circle has no beginning and no ending. It is the symbol of wholeness, peace, and completeness. These rings are very special because they remind us that we are individuals yet we are not alone. Wear them to tell each other and the whole world that you are in love with the special person wearing the other ring.

\_\_\_\_\_, as you place the ring you have chosen on \_\_\_\_\_'s finger, please repeat these words to her:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give you this ring / as a symbol / of how happy you make me, / and as a sign to all / that you are the one / I wish to share life's journey with. / May you feel surrounded by my love / each time you look at your ring.

\_\_\_\_\_, as you place the ring you have chosen on \_\_\_\_\_'s finger, please repeat these words to him:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give you this ring / as a symbol / of how happy you make me, / and as a sign to all / that you are the one / I wish to share life's journey with. / May you feel surrounded by my love / each time you look at your ring.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, live your lives with passion, compassion and excitement.....play..... dance.....make footprints in the sand.....sail in the gentleness of the wind.....climb mountains together....laugh together.... cry together....smile often....make life magical and extraordinary....be happy....be silly....rejoice in the beauty of life.... remembering while sailing on the great sea of marriage to always be each other's best friend.

Having witnessed the vows you have just made to each other, surrounded by your love, the sun, the fresh waters of Lake Erie, by the loving grace of God, and power vested in me by the State of Ohio, I now pronounce you co-captains in life, best friends forever, and most of all husband and wife,

You may kiss your bride.

I would like to introduce for the first time as husband and wife,

Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

