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Traditional: 'Vow Renewal'

(with Candle of Remembrance)

Gathering Words

Greetings and welcome to you all! We are gathered here today, in the sight of God and the company assembled, to celebrate one of life's greatest events; to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love; and to celebrate the renewing of the marriage vows of <Groom> and <Bride Full>.

Candle of Remembrance

<Groom> and <Bride> wish to begin by first taking a moment to honor the memory of those loved ones who could be here today in spirit only. As they light this Candle of Remembrance, let us bring those loved ones into our minds and our hearts, so that their presence may be felt here with us today.

(Bride and Groom light the Candle of Remembrance and then return to positions at the altar)

Charge & Consent

Love is a quality of spirit and an attitude of the emotions, but a marriage is a life's work, a spiritual art form. Therefore, today's occasion is one of both profound joy and great responsibility, and we who partake in it bind ourselves as witnesses to the labor of love that <Groom> and <Bride> have undertaken.

<Bride> and <Groom>, as you renew your marriage vows today, you remind us all that the commitment of a man and a woman in marriage is of the heart, body, mind, and spirit; that it is for the intention of mutual love, help, and comfort through the trials and triumphs of life. It is a relationship not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but deliberately, lovingly, and only after much consideration.

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Knowing this, do you wish to speak the words that will renew your marriage vows; the words that, when spoken, shall reaffirm your commitment to one another on this day and for the rest of the days of your life?

Respond Together: I DO

Renewal of Vows

Then, if you would, please turn to face one another and join hands as you renew your marriage vows.

Beginning with you, <Groom>:

Do you <Groom>, reaffirm your commitment to take <Bride> as your wife, partner and best friend? Do you promise to continue to take her into your heart, as she is, and as she will become; to continue to walk by her side and support her dreams; and to love her more each day than you did the day before? If so, please answer: I DO.

And now you, <Bride>:

Do you <Bride>, reaffirm your commitment to take <Groom> as your husband, partner and best friend? Do you promise to continue to take him into your heart, as he is, and as he will become; to continue to walk by his side and support his dreams; and to love him more each day than you did the day before? If so, please answer: I DO.

Ring Exchange

What tokens of love and respect do you offer one another on this day?

(Rings are handed to the Bride and Groom by their attendants)

The wedding ring is the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual bond which unites two loyal hearts in endless love. It is a symbol of the vows you have each made to

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one another. Just as these rings have no end, neither shall your love. And as often as either of you see them, may you be reminded of this moment and the endless love you have promised.

<Groom>, if you would, please place the ring on <Bride>'s finger and repeat after me:

With this ring, I thee wed.

<Bride>, if you would, please place the ring on <Groom>'s finger and repeat after me:

With this ring, I thee wed.

Wedding Bells

Just as the exchanging of vows and rings are time-honored elements of the wedding ceremony, so too is the traditional ringing of the wedding bell. <Bride> and <Groom> have provided a wedding bell for each of you in attendance and they ask, after they seal the renewal of their marriage with a kiss, that you all ring your bells in celebration of the reaffirmation of their commitment to one another.

Benediction

<Groom> and <Bride>, I wish you the courage to keep your loving hearts open to each other for the rest of your lives, and to cherish the precious love you share. May you continue to find delight in each other and in your being together. May your love forever nourish you and keep you strong.

Pronouncement

And now, having witnessed your vows of affirmation and by the authority of love itself, I hereby affirm that you have expressed your desire to continue as husband and wife.

Congratulations! You may now kiss in celebration!

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