

Hawaiian Wedding Ceremony

Onaona ka hala me ka lehua, He hale lehua no ia na ka noe, `O ka`u no ia e `ano`i nei,
E li`a nei ho`i o ka hiki mai, A hiki mai no ka kou, A hiki pu no me ke aloha.....
Aloha e! Aloha e! Aloha e!

The oli is a chant that offers a word of greeting.
It says in part, "This is the sight for which I have longed.
Now that you have come, love has come with you".

Aloha and Welcome!

Groom and Bride, We are gathered here to celebrate your marriage. For on this day you have chosen to affirm your love for each other with spoken words, with prayer, and with the sharing of symbols.

Marriage is a commitment to life... to the best that two people can find and bring out of each other. It offers opportunities for sharing and growth that no other human relationship can equal. It is a physical and emotional joining that is promised for a lifetime.

Within the circle of its love, marriage encompasses all of life's most important relationships. A wife and husband are each other's best friend, confidant, lover, teacher and listener. There may come times when one partner is heartbroken or ailing, and the love of the other brings healing and steadfastness to the sturdy foundation which allows the marriage covenant to be established upon.

Marriage deepens and enriches every facet of life. Happiness is fuller, memories are fresher, and commitment is stronger.

Marriage also understands and forgives the mistakes that life is unable to avoid. Yet it encourages and nurtures new life, new experiences and new ways of expressing your love for each other through the seasons of life.

When two people pledge to love and care for each other in marriage they create a spirit unique to themselves, which binds them closer than any spoken or written word. Marriage is a promise, a promise made in the hearts of two people who love each other, and this will take a lifetime to fulfill.

Aloha and Welcome!

Sharing of Leis

For those of us who call Hawaii our home, the flower lei is a symbol of love. It is also a symbol of things that are temporal and fragile. A lei will last a day or two and then it is gone. Our lives are like the lei within the span of eternity. Therefore, live with tender consideration for each other, continue

to love one another and your marriage will last. May the leis you now offer each other be recognized for the love that you do have for one another.

The Hawaiians have a traditional saying, "Honi Ka Waha", kiss him/her on the mouth.

Honi Ka Waha!

Declaration of Intention

Groom, Do you wish for *Bride*, to be known as your wife? If so, please say, "I do".

Bride, Do you wish for *Groom*, to be known as your husband? If so, please say, "I do".

Marriage Vows

(Groom and Bride repeat after minister)

I, *Groom*, take you *Bride*, to be my wife. I promise to love you, honor you, and cherish you. I will be your companion. I will share my strengths and my achievements. I promise to respect you and be your friend. For better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, for as long as we both shall live.

I, *Bride*, take you *Groom*, to be my husband. I promise to love you, honor you, and cherish you. I will be your companion. I will share my strengths and my achievements. I promise to respect you and be your friend. For better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, for as long as we both shall live.

Ring Ceremony

These beautiful rings are a symbol of longevity in the marriage covenant. The circle of the ring symbolizes the never-ending circle of love and commitment that you are making here today. Always see the best in each other, and for each day that you are together, when you look at the beauty of these rings, may they remind you that the love that you have for each other, is forever.

(Groom and Bride repeat after minister)

Groom, Repeat after me.

Bride, I give this ring to you as a sign of my love. I give myself to you as your husband. From this day forward, you shall not walk alone. *Bride*, I am so honored to have you as my wife. I vow to love you and sustain you in the covenant of our marriage, for as long as we both shall live.

Bride, Repeat after me.

Groom, I give this ring to you as a sign of my love. I give myself to you as your wife. From this day forward, you shall not walk alone. *Groom*, I am so honored to have you as my husband. I vow to love you and sustain you in the covenant of our marriage, for as long as we both shall live.

Pronouncement

Groom and Bride, We have all been witnesses to this special day. Therefore, I, and those of us here with you, recognize that you have now become husband and wife. We, along with the rest of your family and friends shall honor you as the same from this day forward.

Prayer of Blessing in Hawaiian

then Interpretation, optional with or without prayer

Imau aku kaloko maika'i o ka haku o Iesu Cristo me kealoha o ke Akua a mekalauna puana o ka'uhane hemolele me ka kou apau.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of his spirit be with you always. May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God lift up his countenance upon you and bring you both peace, both now and forevermore. Amen.