

# Ring Ceremony

**Bride  
And  
Groom**

**Sealed  
In the \_\_\_\_\_ Temple**

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### Setting:

1. Background music (non wedding music)
2. Bride and Groom walk from the back to the front where the reception line will eventually be. Included in the group are the brides maids and the grooms men.
3. Parents are seated in the front along with family members. **The father may be with his daughter to walk her up the isle**
4. Friends are seated behind the family members.

### Welcome:

Could the bride and groom with their party please come forward. **Would you all please stand in their honor.**

*(After the bride and groom with their party come to the front)*

Thank you. You may be seated

I would like to thank you for your attendance tonight. I am \_\_\_\_\_. I am grateful for the opportunity to officiate at this ring ceremony for **Bride's full name \_\_\_\_\_ and Groom's full name \_\_\_\_\_**.

### Opening Prayer:

To start this ring ceremony we would like to ask \_\_\_\_\_ to say the opening prayer.

Thank you for the prayer.

We have gathered here today to express our happiness, our love and our support of **Bride and Groom** in this union. They are two wonderful children of our Heavenly Father. How pleased He must be at the choices they have made.

## Talk by Glen R. Dean

The first marriage was between Adam and Eve. Heavenly Father performed that sealing. Since then marriages have taken many forms, depending on traditions.

1. Some are as simple as placing a stack of rocks together in a field.
2. Some marriages are prearranged by the parents while the children are infants.
3. In some cultures the groom barter with the father of the bride and trades money or merchandise for her.
4. Sometimes brides are chosen by the size of their dowry.
5. Marriage ceremonies can last a few seconds and some can take weeks.

**Bride and Groom** chose to begin their marriage by going to the Denver Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. In the Temple, both were dressed in white signifying their purity before the Lord. Within a beautiful sealing room, they knelt over an alter and quietly made covenants to each other and to their Heavenly Father. By the power of the priesthood, they were sealed together for time and all eternity. This decision was not made on a whim, nor without great consideration for all that would be affected. The temple sealing was chosen because they believe it is Heavenly Father's way.

The wedding ring has no part in this sacred sealing ceremony. The placing of a ring upon the finger of the husband or wife is strictly a social custom. Because the wedding ring is a natural symbol of the eternal nature of the sacred marriage covenant, the exchange of rings is permitted within the temple. So that more family members can participate in the ring exchange, **Bride and Groom** have chosen to exchange rings prior to this wedding reception—a wise choice.

The prophet Joseph Smith, speaking of the eternal nature of the spirit of man, compared eternity to a ring. He said, "I take my ring from my finger and liken it unto the mind of man—the immortal part, because it has no beginning. Suppose you cut it in two; then it has a beginning and an end; but join it again, and it continues one eternal round...".

We would hope that the rings that they place on each others fingers tonight might remind them of the eternal, unending sacred covenants they made in the Denver Temple. We hope that those covenants will never be broken.

## Exchange of Rings

1. *Someone should give ring to **GROOM** (Best man, mother, child). He places the ring on **BRIDE's** finger.*
2. *Another person(or the same person) gives **GROOM's** ring to **BRIDE** and she places it on James finger.*
3. *The bride and groom give each other a kiss (more than a peck but not really mushy)*

### **Organize the Line**

Give the wedding line a minute to form and then you are invited to come forward and congratulate the bride and groom.

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