**Greeting / Welcoming Words at the beginning of a Wedding**

Wedding Greeting:

1. Officiant: Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join together this man, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and this woman, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in holy matrimony; which is an honorable estate, instituted of God. It is therefore not to be entered into unadvisedly but reverently and after much consideration. Into this holy estate these two persons come now to be joined.

2. Officiant: Dearly beloved, we gather here today, in the presence of God, to unite this man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and this woman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in holy matrimony. This is truly an occasion for joy and celebration but let us remember that marriage is not to be entered into lightly or in jest and only after much consideration.

3. Officiant: We are honored and grateful to be present here today to witness the sacred vows of marriage between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who were brought together by love’s divine appointment and we rejoice with them in this moment of mystical matrimony.

4. Officiant: Dearly beloved, the love of this couple, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is profound and enduring. We gather here to witness this love and the vows they will make to each other on this, their wedding day. We join in our support of them as they offer themselves to each other. We celebrate their joy, their love and their expectations.

5. Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in holy matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently and deliberately. Into this holy union \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else forever hold your peace.

6. Officiant: Dearly beloved, we are gathered together to witness the uniting of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who present themselves before God, seeking the sacrament of Holy Marriage.

7. Officiant: I welcome you to this holy moment in the lives of \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as we witness their exchange of marriage vows, the precious beginning of a lifetime commitment.

8. Officiant: We are gathered here today to unite this man \_\_\_\_ and this woman \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the bonds of matrimony.

9. Officiant: Dearly Beloveds and Honored Guests: We are gathered here today in the sight of God and the company assembled to witness the exchange of marriage vows. Marriage is an institution ordained by God and is not to be entered into lightly or in jest and only after much consideration.

10. Officiant: I stand before this couple today to unite them in matrimony. If there is anyone here that may present just and lawful cause why these two individuals may not be lawfully wed, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

11. Officiant: (Outdoor Setting) We are gathered here in God’s presence, amid the beauty of God’s creation, to witness the exchange of this couple’s marriage vows, a public declaration of the commitment that they have already shared with one another privately.

12. Officiant: Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man’s innocence, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church: which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of Saint Paul to be honorable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

13. Dearly beloved, we gather here today, in the presence of God, the creator as we are here to unite this man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and this woman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in holy matrimony. This is truly an occasion for joy and celebration but let us remember that marriage is not to be entered into lightly or in jest and only after much consideration.

14. We gather here in God’s presence to witness the joyous occasion of marriage of \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

15. We are gathered here together to ratify in the outer, a union of souls that has already taken place in spirit. As \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ share their promises to each other on this day as they begin their life together in marriage.

16. Dearly Beloveds and Honored Guests: We are gathered here this day in the sight of God and the company assembled to witness the giving and receiving of the marriage vows. Marriage is an institution ordained of God and is not to be entered into lightly or in jest and only after much consideration. If there be anyone present who may show just and lawful cause why this couple may not be legally wed, let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

17. (outdoor setting) Dearly beloved: We gather here today, in the presence of God, the creator of the magnificent beauty of the nature that surrounds us now as we are here to unite this man \_\_\_\_ and this woman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in holy matrimony. This is an occasion for joy and celebration but let us not forget that marriage is not to be entered into lightly or in jest and only after much consideration.

18. Into this holy union \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else forever hold your peace.

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