

POSSIBLE WEDDING STRUCTURE

* ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE
* OPENING POEM OR READING
* STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, e.g.

What is marriage? Why are we here?

* SECOND READING OR POEM
* CONVOCATION

Introduction to the sacred nature of the occasion

* MARRIAGE BLESSING
* ADDRESS

Talking about the couple and their love story

What is special about their relationship

The beauty and challenges of marriage

* OPTIONAL RITUALS

Lighting a unity candle

Sand Ritual

Jewish Seven Blessings

Rose Ceremony

Or others

* EXPRESSION OF INTENT

Asking the couple to confirm their intention to be married and fully committed to each other

* VOWS

Written by the couple – either different vows for each or the same for both

* SANCTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE
* BLESSING OF AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS
* OPTIONAL HANDFASTING
* PRONOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

Music or singing can be included at any point in the ceremony that feels right to you.