

The welcome address

Claire and John, we take delight in sharing today's very special occasion with you. Lots of folks believe that entering into marriage is the final step in a passionate relationship. The way they see it, a couple meets, gets to know each other, falls in love, decides they want to go through life together, and then take the final step—tying the knot. But the final step in a couple's relationship isn't marriage—it only marks the beginning of a grand adventure that will be long and fruitful for each couple.

Officiant to the couple as they renew vows

You've shared the joys, blessings, and yes, the challenges, of married life for 30 years. And, this day, it's your wish to reaffirm your commitment to working together to make your marriage grow and blossom in the years to come. May this ceremony, renewing the vows you took to become husband and wife on your wedding day, remind you that despite the stresses inevitable in every life, your love, respect, trust, and understanding of each other will continue to increase your contentment and heighten your joy in living.

Please join hands

Claire, will you continue to have John as your husband and continue to live in this marriage? (I WILL) Do you reaffirm your love for her, and will you love, honor and cherish him in sickness and in health, for richer or poorer, for better for worse, and forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live? (I DO) Repeat same for husband.

Vow renewal Reading

From any bible verse on marriage that suits the cause of your vow renewal. You can substitute also with vow renewal wording from other sources such as literature, movies, music, famous quotes, etc.

Ring exchange

On your wedding day, you exchanged rings as a symbol of the never-ending circle of love. Rings serve as a reminder of your wedding vows to each other, and your commitment to living in unity, love, and happiness. At this time, it is appropriate to reconfirm the meaning of the rings you wear. Please join your left hands together so that John's hand is on top. Michael, please repeat after me. Claire, I wear this ring you placed on my hand – as a symbol of my love and commitment to you. Reverse hands placed and repeat for the bride.

Exhortation

I ask that you each remember to continue to cherish each other as special and unique individuals and that you each respect the thoughts and ideas of one another. And most of all, be able to forgive each other, and not hold grudges against one another. Live each day in love with each other, always being there to give love, comfort, and refuge to each other, in good times and bad. John and Claire, today you have renewed the promises and vows you made to each other on your wedding day. You have symbolized the renewal of the marriage union by the joining of hands, the taking of vows, and by the wearing of your wedding rings.

Proclamation and presentation

It is with pleasure that I conclude the ceremony of renewing the vows of marriage that joined you and binds you as husband and wife. Please celebrate this renewal of vows with a kiss!