

## **CELTIC WEDDING CEREMONY**

### **OFFICIANT:**

**BRIDE AND GROOM NAMES: TODAY YOU ARE SURROUNDED BY YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ALL OF WHOM ARE GATHERED TO WITNESS YOUR EXCHANGE OF VOWS AND TO SHARE IN THE JOY OF THIS OCCASION. LET THIS DAY BE A STATEMENT OF WHAT YOU MEAN TO EACH OTHER AND THE COMMITMENT OF MARRIAGE YOU WILL MAKE.**

**WITH FULL AWARENESS, KNOW THAT WITHIN THIS CIRCLE YOU ARE DECLARING YOUR INTENT TO BE HAND FASTED BEFORE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, YOU ALSO SPEAK THIS INTENT TO YOUR CREATIVE HIGHER POWERS. THE PROMISES MADE TODAY AND THE TIES THAT ARE BOUND, GREATLY STRENGTHEN YOUR UNION, AND WILL CROSS THE YEARS AND LIVES OF EACH SOULS GROWTH.**

**DO YOU SEEK TO ENTER THIS CEREMONY?**

### **INVOKING THE FOUR DIRECTIONS:**

**IN MANY CULTURES IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE HUMAN SOUL SHARES CHARACTERISTICS WITH ALL THINGS DIVINE. IT IS THIS BELIEF WHICH ASSIGNED VIRTUES TO THE FOUR CARDINAL DIRECTIONS. EAST, SOUTH, WEST, AND NORTH. IT IS ACCORDING TO THIS BELIEF THAT WE ALIGN OURSELVES WITH THESE ELEMENTS. EACH OF THESE BLESSINGS FROM THE FOUR CARDINAL DIRECTIONS EMPHASIZES THOSE THINGS WHICH WILL HELP YOU BUILD A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL UNION.**

**(GUESTS ARE INVITED TO FACE THE FOUR DIRECTIONS)**

**BLESSED BE THIS UNION WITH THE GIFT OF THE EAST AND THE ELEMENT OF AIR. PROVIDING OPENNESS AND BREATH, COMMUNICATION OF THE HEART, AND PURITY OF THE MIND, BODY AND SOUL. FROM THE EAST YOU RECEIVE THE GIFT OF NEW BEGINNINGS. WITH THE RISING OF EACH SUN, AND THE UNDERSTANDING THAT EACH DAY IS A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH.**

**BLESSED BE THIS UNION WITH THE GIFT OF THE SOUTH AND THE ELEMENT OF FIRE. PROVIDING ENERGY, PASSION, CREATIVITY AND THE WARMTH OF A LOVING HOME. FROM THE FIRE WITHIN YOU GENERATE LIGHT, WHICH YOU WILL SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER IN EVEN THE DARKEST TIMES.**

**BLESSED BE THIS UNION WITH THE GIFT OF THE WEST AND THE ELEMENT OF WATER. PROVIDING FOR YOUR CAPACITY TO FEEL EMOTION. IN MARRIAGE YOU OFFER ABSOLUTE TRUST IN ONE ANOTHER, AND VOW TO KEEP YOUR HEARTS OPEN IN SORROW AS WELL AS JOY.**

**BLESSED BE THIS UNION WITH THE GIFT OF THE NORTH AND THE ELEMENT OF EARTH. PROVIDING SUSTENANCE, FERTILITY AND SECURITY. THE EARTH WILL FEED AND ENRICH YOU. IT WILL HELP YOU TO BUILD A STABLE HOME TO WHICH YOU MAY ALWAYS RETURN.**

**BLESSED BE THIS UNION WITH THE GIFT FROM ABOVE, AND THE GREAT STAR NATION. YOU CAME FROM THE STARS AND TO THE STARS YOU SHALL RETURN. THE STARS ARE THE GUARDIANS OF YOUR DREAMTIME AND OFFER YOU ACCESS TO THE OTHER DIMENSIONS.**

**BLESSED BE THIS UNION WITH THE GIFT FROM BELOW, THE HEART OF THE EARTH. GIVING YOU THE PLACE OF GROUNDING ON YOUR PATH.**

**BLESSED BE THIS UNION WITH THE GIFT FROM WITHIN, OFFERING YOU THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART, AUTHENTIC JOY AND FAITH IN**

**YOUR PERSONAL TRUTHS. IT GIVES PROTECTION TO YOUR SACRED SPACE, THE PLACE THAT IS YOURS ALONE AND SHARED ONLY BY INVITATION.**

**BINDING OF THE HANDS**

**LOOK INTO EACH OTHERS EYES.**

**WILL YOU HONOR AND RESPECT ONE ANOTHER AND SEEK TO NEVER BREAK THAT HONOR?**

**(THE FIRST CORD IS DRAPED OVER THE HANDS)**

**AND SO THE FIRST BINDING IS MADE.**

**WILL YOU SHARE EACH OTHER'S PAIN AND SEEK TO EASE IT?**

**(THE SECOND CORD IS DRAPED OVER THE HANDS)**

**AND SO THE SECOND BINDING IS MADE.**

**WILL YOU SHARE THE BURDENS OF EACH OTHER, SO THAT YOUR SPIRITS MAY GROW IN THIS UNION?**

**(THE THIRD CORD IS DRAPED OVER THE HANDS)**

**AND SO THE THIRD BINDING IS MADE.**

**WILL YOU SHARE EACH OTHERS LAUGHTER, AND LOOK FOR THE BRIGHTNESS OF LIFE, AND THE BEST IN EACH OTHER?**

**(THE FORTH CORD IS DRAPED OVER THE HANDS)**

**AND SO THE FORTH BINDING IS MADE.**

**WILL YOU HONOR AND SUPPORT THE JOURNEY OF YOUR SOULS?**

**AND SO THE FIFTH BINDING IS MADE.**

**WILL YOU SHINE YOUR LIGHT INTO THE WORLD, OFFERING ALL THAT YOU ARE FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF YOURSELVES AND OTHERS?**

**AND SO THE SIXTH BINDING IS MADE.**

**WILL YOU TRUST YOUR HEARTS, AND ALLOW THE GOD WITHIN YOU, THE LOVE THAT YOU ARE, TO GUIDE YOU ALL YOUR DAYS?**

**AND SO THE SEVENTH BINDING IS MADE.**

**(TIE THE CORDS TOGETHER)**

**AS YOUR HANDS ARE BOUND TOGETHER NOW, SO YOUR LIVES AND SPIRITS ARE JOINED IN A UNION OF LOVE AND TRUST. ABOVE YOU ARE THE STARS AND BELOW YOU IS THE EARTH. LIKE THE STARS YOUR LOVE SHOULD BE A CONSTANT SOURCE OF LIGHT AND LIKE THE EARTH, A FIRM FOUNDATION FORM WHICH TO GROW.**

**BLESSING OF THE HANDS:**

**MAY THESE HANDS BE BLESSED THIS DAY. MAY THEY ALWAYS HOLD EACH OTHER. MAY THEY HAVE THE STRENGTH TO HANG ON DURING THE STORMS OF STRESS AND THE DARK OF DISILLUSIONMENT. MAY THEY REMAIN TENDER AND GENTLE AS THEY NURTURE EACH OTHER IN THEIR WONDROUS LOVE. MAY THEY BUILD A RELATIONSHIP FOUNDED IN LOVE, AND BE RICH IN CARING. MAY THESE HANDS BE HEALER, PROTECTOR, SHELTER AND GUIDE FOR EACH OTHER.**

**CEREMONY OF THE RINGS**

**I WILL NOW ASK YOU TO SEAL THE VOWS YOU SHARE WITH EACH OTHER BY THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF RINGS. THE PERFECT CIRCLE OF THE RING SYMBOLIZES ETERNITY. THE PRECIOUS METAL CAME FROM THE GROUND AS A ROUGH ORE AND WAS HEATED AND PURIFIED, SHAPED AND POLISHED. SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL WAS MADE FROM RAW ELEMENTS. LOVE IS LIKE THAT. IT COMES FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS, MADE BY SIMPLE BEINGS. IT IS THE PROCESS OF MAKING SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL WHERE THERE WAS ONCE NOTHING AT ALL.**

**GROOMS VOWS:**

**BRIDES VOWS:**

**PRONOUNCEMENT:**

**ON BEHALF OF ALL THOSE PRESENT, AND BY THE STRENGTH OF YOUR LOVE, I PRONOUNCE YOU MARRIED.**

**GROOM KISSES THE BRIDE!!**

**WHEW!!!!**