Sample Wedding Ceremony

Opening of Ceremony

Notary opens the ceremony and addressing those in attendance by stating, "Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today/tonight to join this man and this woman in (holy) matrimony"

Exchange of Vows

Notary asks the man, "(his name), do you take this woman to be your wife, to live together in (holy) matrimony, to love her, to honor her, to comfort her, and to keep her in sickness and in health, forsaking all others, for as long as you both shall live?"

Man answers, "I do."

(Repeat the same for the woman)

Notary states, to the couple, "Please, repeat after me."

To the man: "I, (his name), take you (her name), to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part."

(Repeat the same for the woman)

Exchange of Rings

Notary asks the man to place the ring on the woman's finger and to repeat the following, "I give you this ring as a token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love."

(Repeat the same for the woman).

Pronouncement

Notary asks the couple to join hands, and then declares, "By virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of the State of Florida, I now pronounce you husband and wife."

To the man: "You may kiss the bride."