

# MARRIAGE CEREMONY BY KELII TAU'A

## PROCESSIONAL

### GREETINGS: OLI ALOHA

A simple chant of greeting and love anchoring the wedding ceremonies in a choice land dedicated and consecrated to couples in love.

Onaona l ka hala me ku lehua – Fragrant is the hala & lehua

He hale lehua no la na ka nee – Adorned with a misty fragrance

O ka'u no ia, e ano'l nel – It is mine that i am longing to give

E ll'a nel, he'l a ka hiki mal – A desire that i wish for its return

E hiki mal no 'ae, a hiki pu no me ke aloha – You return with love

Aloha e \_\_\_\_\_ name of couple 3 times – With an abundance of aloha

### LEI EXCHANGE

Were in Hawai'i , it is a tradition to exchange flower leis signifying our open hearts and love for one another. The beautiful fragrant "lei", with all its hand-picked flowers are carefully bonded together with love; a reflection of your love and aloha for each other. When you exchange these "leis", you will now begin to weave your own "Lei of Life". And now, with loving ALOHA, please present your leis to one another.

### THE BEGINNING

\_\_\_\_\_, The two of you have come to the shores of Maui Nui o Kama to join together in holy matrimony. You have come to this special island to walk together on the sacred path of hono – a – pi'ilani and this stroll is the beginning of binding your commitment together from this day forward as husband and wife. You both bring together to this ceremony individual personalities, strengths, wisdom and love. Most importantly, you bring a special spirit that incites these islands to weep for joy on your decision to come here to be married. With the waves of the ocean landing on the sandy beaches and the singing of the birds in harmony with every grain of sand washing upon the seashore, Maui is ready to usher you into a most wonderful journey in life. Close the doors of the past that might bring doubts and fears and open up the doors of opportunity and love that anxiously await you. Let this ceremonial day of marriage truly open your hearts to the opportunity to love one another.

Marriage is a solemn gift of God sealed by a sacred covenant. Our meeting today is to affirm this aloha/love for one another as part of god's will for you both. God's gift is love, given that husband and wife may know each other with mutual care and companionship. Joy is also another gift of god, given that husband and wife may share their new life with each other as well as family and friends. You come with aloha/love. We who are here upon this land, ocean, mountain, sky and heaven give back with aloha/love.

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Hear the words from an ancient Hawaiian marriage chant.

There was a seeking of the lost now it is found. A mate is found.

One to share the chills of winter.

Love has made a plea that you tow are to become united.

Were in Hawai'i is a perch, a perch in heaven.

You two are now to become one

For the day is here at last!

You are to be wedded.

The prayer has gone its way.

## DECLARATION OF INTENTION

\_\_\_\_\_, I ask you now to affirm your willingness to enter this new relationship and share all its joys and sorrows and whatever the future will bring to you. Respond affirmatively.

\_\_\_\_\_, do you here in the presence of God and these witnesses, declare your commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ and choose her as the one with whom you wish to spend the rest of your life? Do you give yourself to her and accept the gift of self which she gives to you? Do you also pledge to endure all of the difficulties of life even as you look forward to sharing the joys to be experienced together?

Groom: "I Do"

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Bride: "I Do"

## EXCHANGING OF VOWS

\_\_\_\_\_, by your promises shared with us, unite yourselves in holy matrimony out of aloha which is love endlessly for each other. **GROOM PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME.**

I \_\_\_\_\_, promise you \_\_\_\_\_ my love without any limits, to accept the things you believe in and to always try to understand you, to trust in your love for me and pray it grows stronger everyday, to plan with you and dream with you, to laugh with you in joy, to grieve with you in sorrow, to grow with you in love, to do my best to show you how much I love you with all my heart, for as long as we both shall live. Amen.

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## BLESSINGS OF RINGS

\_\_\_\_\_, what will you now share with each other to symbolize your love and commitment to each other. What symbols have you brought? (Rings)

## EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Your rings by their shape are symbols of eternal unity, without beginning or end. They are the emblems of love that exist between you and they represent your devotion to one another. And so, let these rings always remind you of the commitment that you make to each other here on this very special day. Wherever you go, may you always return to one another in togetherness and peace.

O, Lord bless these rings in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Groom: \_\_\_\_\_, please repeat after me: \_\_\_\_\_, I give this ring to you as a sign of my love. But even more, I give myself to you to be your husband. I promise to love and sustain you in the covenant of our marriage from this day forward, in sickness and in health, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow as long as we both shall live.

Bride: \_\_\_\_\_, please repeat after me: \_\_\_\_\_ I give this ring to you as a sign of my love. But even more, I give myself to you to be your wife. I promise to love and sustain you in the covenant of our marriage from this day forward, in sickness and in health, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow as long as we both shall live.

**WEDDING PRAYER**

Our loving God of aloha, we ask you to pour your abundant grace upon this couple that they may fulfill the vows they have made before us this day and reflect your steadfast love in their lifelong faithfulness to each other. Use their family and friends to support their life and from your great store of strength give them power and patience, affection and understanding, courage and love toward you and each other that they may continue to grow together. Bless them and their families now and always through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BLESSING**

May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you His peace. Amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE**

\_\_\_\_\_, you are now finally united together as husband and wife. Go forth on your journey together. May you keep the covenant you have made and may you be a comfort with each other. Share each other’s joys, console each other in sorrows, keep each other regardless of the vicissitudes life may bring. Realize that only through trials and tribulations and experiencing the bitter do we know the sweetness of each other’s love. May you trust each other, trust life and not be afraid and may you be given the gift of memory of this moment, day and place for the rest of your lives.

It is now my pleasure and honor as a kahu/administrator of the State of Hawai’i , I pronounce you husband and wife with the blessing of God and Hawai’i.

Those whom God has joined together let no one separate ma ka inao o ka Makua, ke Keiki a me ka ‘Uhane Hemolele (in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit). Amen.

**THE KISS**

**THE NEWLY WEDDED COUPLE**

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