

Christian Ceremony with Hawaiian Elements

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Script will be slightly adjusted for ceremonies that have no guests attending or no seating.

Officiant enters ceremony just before the B/G with the sound of the conch and the Hawaiian chant of love, announcing arrival of the B/G. (with or without guests)

Can everyone please rise. (with guests only and if they are seated)

OPENING WORDS

The Hawaiian word for love is aloha and today we've come together to celebrate the special aloha that exists between _____&_____ and their desire to make their aloha eternal through their commitment in marriage. Today marks the beginning of a new journey.

Michaela Shares the Meaning of the conch and the chant.

THE RINGS

The rings are placed in the Hawaiian salt. Purification and blessing.

OHE HANA IHU THE HAWAIIAN FLUTE (Optional)

Used to set free anything that no longer serves you.

This allows you to start your journey together free of attachments.

HAWAIIAN KOA PADDLE REFERENCE TO UNITY, STRENGTH & INTEGRITY BLESSING THE LEIS AND COUPLE

Both hold on to the paddle while leis are draped over.

Michaela explains the Hawaiian Blessing, circles couple with sacred water to prepare couple for their journey.

LEI EXCHANGE

Words are shared about the sacred ceremony of Marriage, Couple exchange leis.

**When parents are attending, leis are a beautiful way to show your love and appreciation.*

Be sure to give Michaela the leis prior to the ceremony. This is when your parents would receive their leis.

It's best when kept as a surprise. Lei is presented by the couple to their parents prior to couple's lei exchange.

THE EXCHANGE OF HA – THE BREATH OF LIFE (Optional)

Couple place forehead, gently touching nose, close your eyes,
hold on to each other and exchange three gentle breaths of life.

*Photographers love this!

BLESSING IS COMPLETE

Move into the traditional and required parts of a marriage ceremony.

You are welcome to request family traditions and add your own special touches.

Michaela will be happy to guide you. Christian ceremony script available by request.

OPENING WORDS

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Officiant to guests. You may please rise. (with guests only and if they are seated)

Reading - (Optional)

For a good marriage must be created.

It's saying I love you at least once a day.

It's never going to sleep angry.

It's standing together and facing the world.

It's speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It's having the capacity to forgive and truly let go.

It's not only marrying the right person, its being the right partner.

Let Us Pray - Everyone please bow your heads in prayer. (Optional)

Let us pray. Father Lord, you are the light of the world. You show us the way, the truth, and the life. And you love us even when we are disobedient. You sustain us with your Holy Spirit. We praise you for your eternal presence with us, and even during this act of solemn covenant, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Bible Passage 1 - 1st Corinthians 13:4-8 (Optional)

The Message

In a world full of endless uncertainties,
love is the one constant guiding us through.
And we must treat love like it truly is sacred.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Wedding Vows (This will be removed from script if couple plans to share personal vows, and Michaela will step to the side as vows are being shared).

(face each other and hold hands) (repeat after me)

The Vows - Groom then Bride Repeats after Officiant

Brides Name,

You are my soulmate and my best friend.

And this is my promise to you:

I promise to bring the best of me, to our lives and our marriage.

To share my thoughts and feelings.

Laugh with you and cry with you.

Encourage and inspire you.

I promise to create dreams together,
that will fill our lives, with joy and happiness, kindness, and respect, for all the days before us.

But most importantly,

I promise to always "LOVE" you.

Bible Passage 2 - John 4:7 (Optional)

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is born of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God—for God is love.

Declaration of Intent - This is required.

____&____, do you give yourself to each other on this day with complete joy and love, freely and openly, as partners in life's journey?

Do you wish to be known from this day forward as married couple, husband, and wife?

If this is your wishes, please say "I Do."

Declaration Declared - Officiant (Optional)

As you have declared your consent and vows before God and these witnesses, may God confirm your covenant and fill you both with grace.

Ring Exchange (who has the rings) (repeat after me)

The rings represent marriage.

They are a symbol of the circle of love.

They signify to the world that you are joined to someone special and someone special is joined to you. They reflect the inspiration of your hopes and dreams.

Repeat After Me: I ask groom to go first and repeat after me.

With this ring,

I give you my heart...

For my heart will be your shelter, And my arms your home.

From this day forward, you shall not walk alone.

I place this ring on your finger,

As a symbol of our friendship,

my love,

and my commitment to our marriage.

Officiant to Couple - May these rings always remind you of the promises, the vows you have taken today.

Kukui - Unity Ceremony (Optional)

Please face each other and hold each other's hands so that you may see the one that loves you. When two or more candles come together, we become a torch, a bright light that guides us. A torch that brightens our paths, our hearts and lightens our home. When two hearts become one, the light shines even brighter.

The Light of Love

These are the hands of your best friend, strong and full of love.

These are the hands that will passionately cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch will comfort you like no other.

These are the hands that will give you both strength when you need it and will support you to pursue your dreams. These are the hands that even years from now will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness, with just one touch.

**** Children, family, and friends can place hands on couples to say a few words. Then continue with Reading of the Light**

Closing Prayer (Optional)

Bless their marriage, O God, as _____&_____, begin their journey down the road of life together. For today they have exchanged their promises, rings and have expressed your love to one another and their desire to be known from this day forward as husband and wife. May the blessings of life, the joy of love, the peace of truth be their constant companion, now and always.
Amen

Closing Words (remove closing words for a shorter ceremony)

____&____, to make your relationship work will take love. This is the core of your marriage and why you are here today. It will take trust, to know, that in your hearts, you truly want what is best for each other. It will take dedication, to stay open to one another and to learn and grow together. It will take faith, to go forward without knowing exactly what the future brings. And it will take commitment, to hold true to the journey you both have pledged to today.

Can everyone please rise. (ceremonies with seated guests)

Proclamation - Michaela (officiant) will step aside for the first kiss.

By the power vested in me by the State of Hawaii, I now pronounce you husband and wife! You may seal your union in marriage with a kiss!

I would like to introduce the happily couple, _____&_____. (only if guests are in attendance)

Put your hands together as they take their first walk as husband and wife.

*Ceremonies with no guests, Michaela will ask couple to take their first walk as **Husband and Wife**, then couple walks towards photographer. No photographer, these words will be left out of the ceremony.*

Additional Services and Ceremony Information

*Script verbiage will be adjusted accordingly for ceremonies with no guests, attendants (bridesmaids, groomsmen etc.), gender identity and religious preferences. Call or email me your wishes and I will personalize the script with you.

*Feel free to invite members to participate in the ceremony. Reading a scripture, poem, passages and a special blessing. Some couples have their minister or family member perform parts of the ceremony with Michaela performing the Hawaiian blessing and the legal requirements. I will work with you to design a script that feel right for you and your families.

*I've been asked to attend ceremonies to witness ceremony, perform the legal requirements and to assure marriage is Finalized with the State of Hawaii.

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