

Wedding Ceremony Types

I offer a wide variety of wedding ceremonies from which to choose that will make your ceremony unique. Among them are those listed below.



Rose Ceremony:

This is a simple ceremony where the bride and groom exchange roses. Other variations include:

- ❖ the families exchange roses
- ❖ the bride and groom exchange roses with their families
- ❖ the bride and groom exchange roses, then present their mothers with the roses.

Unity Candle:

One of the more common ceremonies, the bride and groom each light a candle and then simultaneously light a third larger "unity candle." They leave their individual candles lit, symbolizing that they have not lost their individuality in their unity. Stores are now selling elaborate unity candle setups, including a candelabra that holds the central unity candle higher than the others. You may also have your unity candle personalized with your names and the date, allowing it to be a keepsake from your wedding. I also have unity candles and candle holders available. Due to the uncertainty of the wind, it is not recommended that a unity candle ceremony be held outdoors.



Wine Ceremony:

The bride and groom each take a carafe of wine and pour it into a single glass, which they both drink from.

Water Ceremony:

The couple each pours different colored water into a single glass, creating a third color.





Sand Ceremony:

This is similar to the water ceremony where the bride and groom both pour different colored sand from individual vessels into a common glass creating a unique layering and design with the sands. This can also be modified to include children with their individual colors.

Salt Ceremony:

Indian weddings often include a salt ceremony, where the bride passes a handful of salt to her groom without spilling any. He then passes it back to her and the exchange is repeated three times. She then performs the salt exchange with all the members of the groom's family, symbolizing her blending in with her new family.



Breaking Bread Ceremony:

The bride and groom tear off pieces of bread, and then each eat a piece. Sometimes the bread is also shared with family and friends. It symbolizes their future as a family together.

Lei Ceremony:

The bride and groom exchange garlands of flowers. This is a common part of Indian weddings, where the ceremony is called Varmala or jaimala, and represents a proposal by the bride and acceptance by the groom. It also represents their new unity, blessed by nature. In Hawaiian weddings, the bride and groom typically exchange leis. The families may also exchange leis with the couple. Leis represent the love and respect you have for the person you are giving it to, and the unity of the new family. A lei exchange can be easily added to any wedding ceremony. Giving someone a lei symbolizes the love, affection, and respect you have for the person you are giving the lei to. Having a lei exchange is beautiful way to express your eternal love Hawaiian style on your special day. It is customary to give a kiss on the cheek when adorning someone with a lei.





Broom Jumping:

An African-American tradition that has its roots in slavery times when slaves couldn't marry. Typically the family places the broom on the ground, and the bride and groom jump over it together. The broom can then decorate a place of honor in their home.

Lasso Ceremony:

Lasso or rope is placed around the bride and groom's shoulders, usually by the Officiant. Sometimes rosary beads, or orange flowers are used instead of rope. It can also be placed around the couple's necks, or wrists.



Celtic Oathing Stone

In the ceremony the couple holds or puts their hands on a stone during their vows to "set them in stone".

Wine Box Ceremony

During the wine box ceremony, the couple places a bottle of wine into a box along with a note each has written to the other. The note should contain their inner most feelings toward each other on their wedding day. The box is sealed only to be opened on a designated anniversary or in the event that the couple faces troubles along their path of life. Upon opening the box, the couple is instructed to open and enjoy at least a glass of the wine then take each others note and read it privately.



Traditional Catholic Ceremony:

Couples who do not have a church or who cannot be married in the church can enjoy a Traditional Catholic Wedding Ceremony. While we may not be in a church and I am not a Catholic priest, the blessings of heaven will be bestowed on the couple. This ceremony may be modified to include any sub ceremony the couple would like to include.

Memorial Candle Ceremony

Many couples wish to remember those family and friends who are no longer with us. The lighting of a Memorial Candle takes place at the start of the ceremony and is lit by the Bride, Groom or best Man while a prayer is recited.



Medieval Wedding Ceremony

A marriage between Prince charming and a lovely Princess can be a dream come true. A ceremony script fit for the middle ages awaits for any adventurous couple. The ceremony starts with the “Knighting of the Escorts” to the “Wedding Blessing of the Man” to the “Entrance of the Bride” and including all vows & blessings as any ceremony would have but in a Medieval fashion.

Unity Cross Ceremony

A Unity Cross is a sculpture designed to be assembled during the ceremony. The groom’s cross representing the strength and support of the marriage and the bride’s cross being the inner beauty of the couple. Together the couple will lock the pieces in place symbolizing their unity.

