

Unity Candle Ceremony

Supplies Needed: 3 candles

Set-Up: Small table with 2 taper candles on the outside, a pillar candle in the center

Prior to the ceremony starting:

The mothers of the Bride and Groom, or an individual selected to represent each of you, goes to the small table and lights the outer taper candles

Ceremony:

The flame has traditionally been thought of as a symbol of the spirit. **Bride** and **Groom**, you have learned much in your individual lives. [If the mothers have lit the candles just before the ceremony: Your mothers are both here to bless your marriage, and it is fitting that they have lit the two individual candles you see here. For it is they who brought you life, and taught you your first lessons about love.] Your family members, and friends, many of whom are here with you today, have all been a part of your individual lives, and have shared with you your hopes, your dreams, your triumphs, your sufferings.

But at some point the two of you met one another, and something started growing between you that was not just **Bride** and not just **Groom**. There's a special way you are together that's just not like the way you've ever been with anyone else. You have a way of sharing with each other, of laughing and joking together, that's unlike with anybody else. That special love you felt for one another continued to grow, bringing you to this moment, when you are committing your love to one another, and building a life together. Just as the flame you are about to light is not created solely by either candle, so too is your love not the sole possession or creation of either of you. As a symbol of the spirit of love that has grown between you, I would like to ask you to light the Unity Candle at this time.

(This is another good time for a song, if you wish to have music during the ceremony.)