

Simple Wedding Ceremony

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MINISTER: WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY TO JOIN TOGETHER ** GROOM ** AND ** BRIDE ** IN HOLY MATRIMONY; WHICH IS AN HONORABLE ESTATE, NOT TO BE ENTERED INTO UNADVISEDLY OR LIGHTLY, BUT REVERENTLY AND SOBERLY.

IF ANY ONE CAN SHOW JUST CAUSE WHY THEY MAY NOT BE LAWFULLY JOINED TOGETHER, LET THEM SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD THEIR PEACE.

(Addressing the persons to be married): I REQUIRE AND CHARGE YOU BOTH THAT IF EITHER OF YOU KNOW ANY IMPEDIMENT WHY YOU MAY NOT BE LAWFULLY JOINED TOGETHER IN MATRIMONY, YOU CONFESS IT NOW.

(Addressing the groom): ** GROOM **, DO YOU TAKE ** BRIDE ** FOR YOUR LAWFUL WEDDED WIFE? WILL YOU LOVE, HONOR, COMFORT, AND CHERISH HER FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, FORSAKING ALL OTHERS, KEEPING ONLY UNTO HER FOR AS LONG AS YOU BOTH SHALL LIVE?

GROOM: I DO.

MINISTER (Addressing the bride): ** BRIDE **, DO YOU TAKE ** GROOM ** FOR YOUR LAWFUL WEDDED HUSBAND? WILL YOU LOVE, HONOR, COMFORT, AND CHERISH HIM FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, FORSAKING ALL OTHERS, KEEPING ONLY UNTO HIM FOR AS LONG AS YOU BOTH SHALL LIVE?

BRIDE: I DO.

MINISTER (Addressing the groom who repeats the marriage vows): I ** GROOM ** TAKE THEE ** BRIDE ** TO BE MY WEDDED WIFE, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, FOR BETTER FOR WORSE, FOR RICHER FOR POORER, IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH, TO LOVE, HONOR, AND CHERISH, 'TIL DEATH DO US PART.

(Then to the bride): I ** BRIDE ** TAKE THEE ** GROOM ** TO BE MY WEDDED HUSBAND, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, FOR BETTER FOR WORSE, FOR RICHER FOR POORER, IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH, TO LOVE, HONOR, AND CHERISH, 'TIL DEATH DO US PART.

GROOM (Placing ring on bride's finger): WITH THIS RING I THEE WED.

BRIDE (Placing ring on groom's finger): WITH THIS RING I THEE WED.

MINISTER:

MAY YOU ALWAYS SHARE WITH EACH OTHER THE GIFTS OF LOVE, BE ONE IN HEART, AND ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL OF MIND. MAY YOU ALWAYS CREATE A HOME TOGETHER THAT PUTS IN YOUR HEARTS LOVE, GENEROSITY, AND KINDNESS.

OR

MAY JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, ALWAYS BE AT THE CENTER OF THE NEW LIVES YOU ARE NOW STARTING TO BUILD TOGETHER, THAT YOU MAY KNOW THE WAYS OF TRUE LOVE AND KINDNESS. MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU BOTH ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIVES AND FILL YOU WITH HIS JOY. AMEN.

(The minister now joins their right hands together and says): THOSE WHOM GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, LET NO MAN PUT ASUNDER.

IN SO MUCH AS ** GROOM ** AND ** BRIDE ** HAVE CONSENTED TOGETHER IN HOLY WEDLOCK, AND HAVE WITNESSED THE SAME IN THE PRESENCE OF THIS COMPANY, HAVING GIVEN AND PLEDGED THEIR TROTH, EACH TO THE OTHER,

AND HAVING DECLARED SAME BY THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF A RING,

I PRONOUNCE THAT THEY ARE HUSBAND AND WIFE.

(To the couple): I ASK YOU NOW TO SEAL THE PROMISES YOU HAVE MADE WITH EACH OTHER THIS DAY WITH A KISS. (The couple kisses.)

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT TO YOU MR. AND MRS. ** LASTNAME ** .