

## MARRIAGE CEREMONY

We are gathered together here today in the presence of God, and with family and friends, to join together this man and this woman in Matrimony. If any man or woman can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let them now speak or else forever hold their peace.

**(Join right hands)**

*To the man:* **Do you** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), **take** ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

**as your true and lawful wife, and will you always love, cherish, honor, and protect her.**

*To the woman:* Do you, ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) take, ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

**as your true and lawful husband, and will you always love, cherish, and honor him.**

### **EXCHANGING VOWS - REPEAT AFTER ME:**

**I, h** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) take thee **w**( \_\_\_\_\_ ), 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,/ and to always love and to cherish/ until death do we part.

**I, (NAME-WIFE) , take thee (NAME-HUSBAND), 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,/ and to always love and to cherish,/ until death do we part.**

**(Loose your hands.)**

**(IF DOUBLE RING)**

**(Take the ring from the best man and deliver it to the groom to put on the 4<sup>th</sup> finger of the bride's left hand.)**

**While holding her hand the groom will repeat after the Mayor:**

With this ring I thee wed / with all the affection of my heart,/ I thee endow.

**While holding his hand . the bride will repeat:**

With this ring I thee wed / And with all the affection of my heart, / I thee endow

The ring is a circle and the circle is a symbol of eternity. It is to show how endless and indestructible is the faith now mutually pledged.

Today should be one of the happiest days of your life. A Marriage is a promise to be kind and understanding, to be thoughtful and considerate and to share one life together.

In performing this marriage, I wish you the best that life can hold. The world has much advice for people starting married life, but you will find no set of rules is better than a common-sense approach to what is naturally right and wrong in your consideration of each other.

Remember the importance of keeping a sense of humor because it will keep many situations as unimportant as they should be in your marriage. Understand each other's faults and always consider your responsibilities to each other as partners in a long and beautiful life together.

May the promise that you make today bring happiness to you always. Best Wishes.

Lay aside all unpleasant thoughts, dwell instead on serving and being served, loving and being loved, and blessed and being blessed. Together make a happy, peaceful home for your family and enjoy each day in life together.

Now, as you both have consented in wedlock, have witnessed the same before family and friends, have pledged your faith, each to the other, by giving (and receiving) a ring, and by joining your hands, I finally pronounce you husband and wife by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of New Jersey. May God bless your union.

You may now kiss the bride. (Kiss)