

MARRIAGE CEREMONY

We are gathered here today to share the happiness of GROOM and BRIDE as they pledge their love to each other. These vows are to be spoken solemnly, yet with the happiness and joy that the promise of a new marriage brings.

GROOM and BRIDE we wish you a love and marriage that makes both of you better people, that continues to give you joy and zest for living, and that provides you with the energy to face the responsibilities of life.

Marriage is to be entered joyfully and in the knowledge that love is both our highest achievement and life's most precious gift. Into this relationship with deep commitment you GROOM and BRIDE, come now to join together.

M: GROOM do you take this woman BRIDE to be your lawfully wedded wife; to live together; to love, cherish and honor her?

M: I do.

W: BRIDE do you take this man GROOM to be your lawfully wedded husband; to live together; to love, cherish and honor him?

W: I do.

Will you please face each other and join hands and will the groom please repeat after me:

M: I take thee BRIDE to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health; to love, cherish and honor.

Will the Bride repeat after me:

W: I take thee GROOM to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health; to love, cherish, and honor.

(The best man hands the ring to the bridegroom and he places the ring on the hand of the bride saying)

M: With this ring I thee wed.

(In a double ring wedding the bride places the ring on the hand of the groom saying)

W: With this ring I thee wed.

CLOSING REMARKS: By the authority vested in me under the laws of the State of Michigan, I now pronounce you husband and wife. Congratulations!!! GROOM, you may kiss your bride!!