

## MARRIAGE CEREMONY

### *TO THE GUESTS:*

Friends we are gathered here today to celebrate the joining of (Groom First Name) \_\_\_\_\_ and (Bride's First Name) \_\_\_\_\_ in marriage. They are happy you are here to not only celebrate their wedding, but also that you have come here today, as friends and family, to be a special part of this moment in their lives . . . just as you have shared many other moments in each of their lives. The words they exchange today will be a reflection of the love that brought them together today, the love that will sustain their marriage in the future. Marriage is not only the union of two people, but a union of two hearts. No other human ties are more tender; no other vows are more sacred than those they will exchange today.

### READING OPTIONAL

### *TO THE BRIDE AND GROOM:*

Please join your right hands. May the vows you say to one another build the foundation for a long and enriched life.

(Groom's first name) \_\_\_\_\_, will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, and live together in the holy state of matrimony?

*ANSWER: "I will"*

(Bride's first name) \_\_\_\_\_, will you have this man to be your wedded husband, and live together in the holy state of matrimony?

*ANSWER: "I will"*

### REPEAT AFTER ME.

I, (Groom's first name) \_\_\_\_\_ -- take you (Bride's first name) \_\_\_\_\_ -- to be my wife – to love and to cherish from this day forward – for better, for worse – for richer, for poorer – in sickness and in health – so long as we both shall live?

I, (Bride's first name) \_\_\_\_\_ -- take you (Groom's first name) \_\_\_\_\_ -- to be my husband – to love and to cherish from this day forward – for better, for worse – for richer, for poorer – in sickness and in health – so long as we both shall live?

**RING:**

The wedding ring is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual bond, signifying to all the uniting of this man and woman in marriage.

(Groom's first name) \_\_\_\_\_, you may place the ring on (Bride's first name) \_\_\_\_\_ finger and repeat after me:

(Bride's first name) \_\_\_\_\_, I give you this ring – as a symbol of my love and affection – and pledge my love now and always.

(Bride's first name) \_\_\_\_\_, you may place the ring on (Groom's first name) \_\_\_\_\_ finger and repeat after me:

(Groom's first name) \_\_\_\_\_, I give you this ring – as a symbol of my love and affection – and pledge my love now and always.

(Groom's first name) \_\_\_\_\_ and (Bride's first name) \_\_\_\_\_, may your marriage live on the love you give each other, may it never grow old. May you always feel as special about each other as you do here today. May you always share laughter, conversation, and peaceful moments. May you be blessed with a lifetime of happiness.

For as much as you (Groom's first name) \_\_\_\_\_ and you (Bride's first name) \_\_\_\_\_ have consented together in marriage before these witnesses, and have hereto pledged your faith to each other, and declared the same by joining of hands and the giving and receiving of a ring; I by the authority vested in me under the laws of the State of Michigan, now pronounce you husband and wife. GROOM you may now kiss your bride. Congratulations!