

## MARRIAGE CEREMONY

### *TO THE GUESTS:*

We have come together today to witness the joining of two lives. For this, out of the routine of ordinary life, the extraordinary happened. GROOM and BRIDE met, fell in love, and it is their desire to unite in marriage today before their family and friends.

**A good marriage is remembering:**

**The “little” things are the big things.**

**It is never being too old to hold hands.**

**It is remembering to say, “I love you” at least once a day.**

**It is never going to sleep angry.**

**It is standing together and facing the world.**

**It is speaking words of appreciation, and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.**

**It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.**

**It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.**

**It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.**

**It is not only marrying the right person – it is being the right partner.**

### *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, will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, and live together in the holy state of matrimony?

*ANSWER: “I will”*

BRIDE, 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 -- take you BRIDE -- 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 -- take you GROOM -- 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, you may place the ring on BRIDE's finger and repeat after me:**

**BRIDE, I give you this ring – as a symbol of my love and affection – and pledge my love now and always.**

**BRIDE, you may place the ring on GROOM's finger and repeat after me:**

**GROOM, I give you this ring – as a symbol of my love and affection – and pledge my love now and always.**

**GROOM and BRIDE, 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 and you BRIDE 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!!!**