

Civil Ceremony

Who gives _____ to be married to _____. (Optional)

(Words of Greeting):

Good evening, we are gathered here today not to witness the beginning of what will be, but rather what already is, we do not create this marriage, because we cannot, we can and do however celebrate with _____ and _____ and their families this wondrous and joyful occurrence that has already taken place in their lives.

Today _____ and _____ proclaim their love and commitment to the world and we gather here today with them, in the new life they now undertake together

(Words to the Bride & Groom)

_____ & _____ this wedding ceremony is designed to be able to handle the difficulties of life as well as to be the source of companionship and joy. May this be true for you as you propose in your hearts to honor each other and to exercise patience and sacrifice for the good of one another.

(Declaration of Intent)

(To the Groom): _____, do you before these witness take this woman to be your lawfully wedded wife; and do you promise that from this day forward you will be her faithful husband, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love her and to cherish her, till death do you part?

(To the Bride): _____, do you before these witness take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband; and do you promise that from this day forward you will be his faithful wife, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love him and to cherish him, till death do you part?

(Exchange of Rings & Vows):

These rings are a circle and a symbol of love that the two of you have promised to one another. I remind you that love endures as we grow together. As you present these rings to each other and to the world that you both are always in remembrance of your vows that you say here today. As you place this ring on _____ hand, and look into her/his eyes I ask that you repeat after me your vows.

I _____, take you _____, to be my wedded wife. And I promise, before these witness, to be your loving and faithful husband, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

I _____, take you _____, to be my wedded husband. And I promise, before these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful wife, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

(Pronouncement):

As _____ and _____ have promised to take each other as husband and wife to live together in marriage. They have given rings as token of their love to one another. Therefore they now enter into the state of matrimony. By the power vested into me by this state, I now pronounce them husband and wife.

_____ you may kiss the bride.

(Introduction):

Ladies and gentleman it's my honor and privilege to introduce to you Mr. and Mrs. _____