

# Marriage Ceremony

(Participatory Service)

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(To groom):

**"\_\_\_\_\_, do you declare in the presence of these witnesses that you take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your lawfully wedded wife? If so, answer: I will."**

**"Will you love her, comfort her, honor and stand by her in sickness and in health, and be faithful only unto her so long as you both shall live? If so, answer: I will."**

(To bride):

**"\_\_\_\_\_, do you declare in the presence of these witnesses that you take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your lawfully wedded husband? If so, answer: I will."**

**"Will you love him, comfort him, honor and stand by him in sickness and in health, and be faithful only unto him so long as you both shall live? If so, answer: I will."**

(To groom):

**"\_\_\_\_\_, repeat after me:**

**I take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife  
and these things I promise you from this day forward.**

**I will be faithful to you.**

**I will be honest with you.**

**I will respect and trust you.**

**I will care for you,  
and I will share my life with you,  
through the best and worst of what is to come,  
until death do us part."**

(To bride):

**" \_\_\_\_\_, repeat after me:**

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(To groom):

**"This ring I give / in token and pledge / of our constant faith / and everlasting love."**

(Repeat above to bride.)

(If double ring, have bride repeat this - if single, have her say, **"This ring I accept / in token and pledge / of our constant faith / and everlasting love."**)

(To audience):

**"When two people pledge to love and care for each other in marriage, they create a spirit  
unique to themselves, which binds them closer than any spoken or written words."**

**"Marriage is a promise, a potential, made in the hearts of two people who love, which takes  
a lifetime to fulfill."**

**"And with these vows taken and these rings exchanged, I pronounce you husband and  
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(Souvenir Ceremony follows on next page.)

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