

MARRIAGE CEREMONY - Short Version

Entrance song

Bride and groom will join hands.

Friends and family, we are gathered together today in the presence of this company, to join (Groom) and (Bride) in the bonds of matrimony, which is an honorable estate, and is not be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently and thoughtfully, yet with great joy, enthusiasm, love and spirit. We are witnessing an important event in the lives of these two friends.

Into this estate, these two persons present come to be joined. If any person can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let them speak now, or forever hold their peace.

(Groom), will you have (Bride), as your lawfully wedded wife, to live together in the covenant of matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto her, for as long as you both shall live?

I will.

(Bride), will you have this man, (Groom), as your lawfully wedded husband, to live together in the covenant of matrimony? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto him, for as long as you both shall live?

I will.

The wedding ring is a traditional symbol which commemorates the marriage. Without beginning or end and with no point of weakness, the circle of the ring is a reminder of the constant union of husband and wife.

(Groom), please place the ring on (Bride's) finger and repeat after me: "With this ring, I thee wed."

With this ring, I thee wed.

(Bride), please place the ring on (Groom's) finger, and repeat after me: "With this ring, I thee wed."

With this ring, I thee wed.

(Groom) and (Bride) you have consented together in wedlock, and have pledged your commitment to each other before these witnesses, and declared the same by the joining of hands,

In accordance with the authority vested in me by the laws of the state of Maine, I hereby pronounce you husband and wife.

Friends and family, I now present to you: **Mr. & Mrs. (Name of Groom or how the couple wishes to be introduced)**

You may now kiss the bride.

EXIT SONG.