



Traditional Ceremony

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the presence of god and this company of loved ones, to join this man and this woman in the bonds of holy matrimony.

This is a sacred union, and, as such, should not be entered into hastily or without consideration: but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, and in the fear of our heavenly Father.

If anyone knows just cause why this marriage should not be preformed, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

Who gives this woman in marriage?

(Either person giving Bride away or audience answers)

(To the Groom)

Do you, _____ take this woman to be your wedded wife, promising to keep, cherish, and defend her, and to be a faithful and true husband so long as you both shall live?

(Groom answers I do)

(To the Bride)

Do you, _____ take this man to be your wedded husband, promising to adhere to him in all of life's challenges and to be his loving and true wife until death divides you?

(Bride answers I Do)

(To the Groom)

_____, please repeat after me:

I, _____, take thee, _____,

To be my wedded wife,

To have and to hold from this day forward,

For better, for worse,

For richer, for poorer,

In sickness and health,

To love and to cherish,

Until death do us part?

(To the Bride)

_____, please repeat after me:

I, _____, take thee, _____,
To be my wedded husband,
To have and to hold from this day forward,
For better, for worse,
For richer, for poorer,
In sickness and health,
To love and to cherish,
Until death do us part?

(Bride and Groom give rings)

I hold in my hand two beautiful rings, symbolizing the purity and never ending love you have for each other. You should wear it always as a symbol of the perfect circle of duty that makes you one.

(To Groom)

Please repeat after me:

I _____, give you _____
This ring as a symbol of our union
As husband and wife
For today, tomorrow and all the years to come.

(To Bride)

Please repeat after me:

I _____, give you _____
This ring as a symbol of our union
As husband and wife
For today, tomorrow and all the years to come.

For as much as _____ and _____ promise to be faithful and true to each other, and witness the same before God and this company by spoken vows and giving and receiving of rings in pledge, they hereby enter into a new estate. As a Judge in the state of Louisiana, I hereby pronounce them husband and wife.

What God has joined together, let no man put us under.