

## Witness and Share the Joy

Minister:

Welcome to the marriage of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

You have been asked to gather here to witness and share in the joy of this union.

Groom:

There was darkness for a long time and then there was light, and that light was you. Your love has given me wings, and our journey begins today. I pledge before this assembled company to be your husband from this day forward. Let us make of our two lives one life. I want you for today, tomorrow, and forever.

Bride:

I have dreamed my whole life of having someone as wonderful as you love me the way you do. I give myself to you as your wife, and I promise here to treasure for all of my days the love we celebrate today. Let us bring together our lives and find ourselves anew each day.

Minister to Bride:

\_\_\_\_\_, will you take \_\_\_\_\_ as your husband, in happiness and with patience and understanding, through conflict and tranquility?

Bride:

I will.

Ring is placed on Groom's finger.

Minister to Groom:

\_\_\_\_\_, will you take \_\_\_\_\_ as your wife, in happiness and with patience and understanding, through conflict and tranquility?

Groom:

I will.

Ring is placed on Bride's finger.

Minister:

In the years which shall bring \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ into greater age and wisdom, we hope that their love shall be ever young; that they shall be able to always recover from moments of despair. In this hope, may they keep the vows made on this day, in freedom, teaching each other who they are, what they yet shall be, enabling them to know that, in the fullness of being, they are more than themselves and more than each other, that they are all of us, and that together we share joyously the fruits of life on this earth, our home.

Inasmuch as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have declared their love to each other before family and friends, I now greet them with you as husband and wife.

You may kiss.