

CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY # 3

(Names), you have come here today to affirm your love, pledge your faith to one another, and to enter into the joys and privileges of marriage. It is not a decision to be entered into lightly, but rather with careful consideration, and with the greatest respect for one another.

Marriage symbolizes the intimate sharing of two lives, and *(Names)*, your marriage offers you the hope and promise of a love that is true and fulfilling. To attain such love, you will have to commit yourselves to each other freely and completely. It is in this manner that you will share a richer and deeper life together.

(To the Groom):

(Groom's Name), please repeat after me:

I, *(Groom's Name)* // do not know // of any lawful reason // why I may not be joined in marriage // with *(Bride's Name)*.

(To the Bride):

(Bride's Name), please repeat after me:

I, *(Bride's Name)* // do not know // of any lawful reason // why I may not be joined in marriage // with *(Groom's Name)*.

(Bride & Groom Name) PLEASE FACE ONE ANOTHER AND HOLD HANDS:

(Groom's Name), please repeat after me:

I, *(Groom's Name)*, // take you *(Bride's Name)* // to be my lawful wedded wife.

(*Bride's Name*), please repeat after me.

I, (*Bride's Name*), // take you (*Groom's Name*) // to be my lawful wedded husband.

Rings

(*Groom's Name*), please start to place the ring on the third finger of (*Bride's Name*) left hand. As you are doing that, please repeat after me.

I shall always love // honour and cherish you // and this ring shall be // the symbol of my love.

(*Bride's Name*), please start to place the ring on the third finger of (*Groom's Name*) left hand. As you are doing that, please repeat after me.

I shall always love // honour and cherish you // and this ring shall be // the symbol of my love.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, I hereby pronounce you husband and wife.

You may kiss the bride.