

Civil Ceremony

We are gathered on this special day with this couple as they say: I take thee to be my partner in life to love and live with as husband and wife. To love and cherish forever in better or worse, to stand by your side. The relationship of husband and wife is most sacred when it is that of two souls with a single thought... two hearts that beat as one. It is the blending of two lives, the union of two natures. A marriage is a promise that two hearts gladly make, a promise to be tender and loving, to be kind and understanding, to be thoughtful, considerate, and fair. A marriage is a promise to share one life together. A love filled promise meant to be kept lovingly forever. (groom) _____, you are about to take upon yourself a solemn vow. The woman of your choice is now to become the partner of your life, the holder of your possessions. In no other way could she so manifest her love for you as to share with you the joy and sorrow of life. (bride) _____, he whom you are about to wed will look to you in the hour of trial. Your smile should be the brightest part of his day, your voice his sweetest music, your lips his faithful counselor.

Do you (groom) _____, take (bride) _____ whose hand you hold to be your lawful wedded wife; do you pledge your love forsaking all others in sickness and in health, for better or worse? If so, answer, I do.

Do you (bride) _____, take (groom) _____ whose hand you hold to be your lawful wedded husband; do you pledge your love forsaking all others in sickness and in health, for better or worse? If so, answer, I do.

You will now have these vows sealed by giving and receiving of rings. The ring is a symbol and reminder of the promises made by the married couple to one another. With this ring you do now and forever seal these marriage vows.

(groom) _____, will you now take your bride's left hand and place the ring upon her finger and repeat after me, (bride) _____, with this ring... I thee wed.... with all my hearts affections.... I pledge myself.... and all that I am.... in love to you

(bride) _____, will you now take (groom) _____ left hand and as you place the ring upon his finger repeat after me. (groom) _____ with this ring.... I thee wed.... with all my hearts affections.... I pledge myself.... and all that I am.... in love to you.

Now having pledged your love and loyalty to each other and having sealed the pledge with a ring ... I do by the authority vested in me, conforming with the laws of the State of Arizona pronounce you husband and wife. You may now kiss the bride.