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### **No. 3 MARRIAGE CEREMONY**

This ceremony is from the “Old English” traditional vows.

**Officiant:** Hon. John Edward Cass

#### **Processional**

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#### **Presentation of the Bride**

Who gives (Bride: \_\_\_\_\_ ) to be married to (Groom: \_\_\_\_\_ )?

(Father, Friend, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ ) **of the Bride:** **Ex:** Her mother and I do.

The Bride is presented.

#### **Convocation**

For as much as marriage is an estate to be held in honor by all, it becomes those who enter therein to consider the same with reverent and thoughtful minds, and in the complete and unreserved love of each for the other.

We have come together to join this man and this woman in the bonds of matrimony. Let us, therefore, remember that God has established and sanctified marriage for the welfare and happiness of mankind.

## The Marriage Vows

**TO GROOM:** Will you, ( ) have this woman for your wedded wife to live together in matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keeping yourself only unto her?

If yes, say "I will."

**TO BRIDE:** Will you, ( ) have this man for your wedded husband to live together in matrimony? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keeping yourself only unto him?

If yes, say "I will."

Please hold hands and face each other.

**TO GROOM:** ( ), please repeat after me.

"I, ( ), take thee, ( ), for my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, to love and to cherish, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live. Receive this ring as a token of my wedded love."

**TO BRIDE:** ( ), please repeat after me.

"I, ( ), take thee, ( ), for my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, to love

and to cherish, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live. Receive this ring as a token of my wedded love."

### **Pronouncement of Marriage**

By this act of joining hands you do now solemnly declare, in the presence of God and of these witnesses, that you take each other as husband and wife, and engage to love and honor, comfort and cherish each other so long as you both shall live.

For inasmuch as ( ) and ( ) have consented together in wedlock and have declared the same before me and in the presence of this company, by the power vested in me by the State of Minnesota, I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may kiss each other.

### **Introduction**

*I now present ( ).*

### ***Recessional***

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### ***Postlude***

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