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## **No. 9 MARRIAGE CEREMONY**

*I often use this simple, but meaningful ceremony in situations where the bride and groom want a short, but memorable ceremony; often on my deck, in my living room or at a courtroom in the Washington County Courthouse.*

**Officiant:** Hon. John Edward Cass

### **Processional**

( \_\_\_\_\_ )

### **Convocation**

Forasmuch 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.

This man and this woman come now to be united in wedlock.

Will you, (Groom's name: \_\_\_\_\_), 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".

Will you, (Bride's name: \_\_\_\_\_), 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".

### **The Marriage Vows**

Please join your hands.

To the Groom, please repeat after me:

I, (Groom's name: \_\_\_\_\_), take thee (Bride's name: \_\_\_\_\_), for my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, and to love and to cherish. Receive this ring as a token of my love. May it always be a symbol of my eternal love and faithfulness to you.

To the Bride, please repeat after me:

I, (Bride's name: \_\_\_\_\_), take thee (Groom's name: \_\_\_\_\_) for my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, and to love and to cherish. Received this ring as a token of my love. May it always be a symbol of my eternal love and faithfulness to you.

### **Pronouncement of Marriage**

Forasmuch as (Groom's name: \_\_\_\_\_) and (Bride's name: \_\_\_\_\_) 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 them husband and wife.

**Introduction**

Ladies and gentlemen, let me present to you Mr. and Mrs.

(Name of bride and groom: \_\_\_\_\_)

Please seal your vows and pledges with a kiss.

***Recessional***

(\_\_\_\_\_)

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