

## Commitment Ceremony

Welcome to family and friends:

Friends, we have gathered together today to witness the union of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The legal requirements of this state having been fulfilled, and the license for their marriage being present, I must ask of each party if they come of their own free will and accord.

\_\_\_\_\_, do you come to this union of your free will, and with the intention of being faithful in marriage to \_\_\_\_\_ as long as you shall live?

Groom answers "I do."

\_\_\_\_\_, do you come to this union of your free will, and with the intention of being faithful in Marriage to \_\_\_\_\_ as long as you shall live?

Bride answers "I do."

Who presents \_\_\_\_\_ to be married to \_\_\_\_\_?

Bride's father (or representative) responds "I do."

Vows:

Please repeat the following after me:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my lawfully wedded wife. I promise from this day forward to be your faithful husband, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as I shall live.

Please repeat after me:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my lawfully wedded husband. I promise from this day forward to be your faithful wife, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as I shall live.

Rings

The wedding ring seals the vows of marriage as a signature bears witness to a written covenant. As the ring is placed upon the finger, will you repeat these words:

In pledge of the vow of marriage made between us, I offer you this ring. Let it be to you and to me, and to all the world, the symbol of the covenant of marriage we have accepted.

We have come together in this place and have heard the willingness of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to be joined in marriage. They have come of their free will and in our hearing have made a covenant of faithfulness. They have given and received a ring as the seal of their promises.

Therefore, by the power vested in me by the state of Ohio I pronounce that they are husband and wife.