

Civil Wedding Ceremony Script 5

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We are gathered together here in the presence of these witnesses to join this man and this woman in matrimony, which is an honorable estate, and is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently and discreetly. If anyone can show just cause why this man and this woman may not lawfully be joined together, let them speak now or hereafter remain silent.

Bride and Groom, I require and charge you both that if either of you know any reason why you may not lawfully be joined together in matrimony, you do now confess. If any persons are joined together otherwise than as prescribed by law, their marriage is not lawful.

Exchange of Vows

Groom, will you take this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together in the estate of matrimony? Will you love, honor and keep her; in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto her, as long as you both shall live?

(Groom) I will

Bride, will you take this man to be your wedded husband, to live together in the estate of matrimony? Will you love, honor and keep him; in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto him, so long as you both shall live?

(Bride) I will

Groom, please take Bride by the hand and repeat after me. “I, Groom take thee Bride, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death do us part.

Bride, please repeat after me. “I, Bride , take thee groom, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do us part.”

Giving and Receiving of Rings

For as much as Bride and Groom have consented together in wedlock and have witnessed the same before this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by joining hands. Now, by the authority vested in me by the State of Indiana, I pronounce you to be husband and wife and extend to you my best wishes for a successful and happy married life together.

A personal thanks for granting me the honor and privilege of extending the marriage rites to you on this wonderful day.

Ladies and gentlemen...may I present Mr. & Mrs. _____.

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