

0502 FAMILY CEREMONY – Religious 1

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God. And in the face of this company. To join together this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony which is an honorable estate, instituted of God, and therefore not to be entered into lightly or unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the love of God. Into this holy estate, these two persons present come now to be joined in marriage.

[BRIDE] will you have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together according to God's command, in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, and forsaking all other's, keep only to him for as long as you both shall live?

[GROOM] will you have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together according to God's command, in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, and forsaking all other's, keep only to her for as long as you both shall live?

What tokens do you offer each other? [Bride / Groom respond "RINGS"]

Bless Oh Lord these rings, that each who gives it, and each who wears it, may abide in thy peace, and continue in thy favor. Those, whom God has joined together, let no man separate.

[GROOM], please take the ring and place it on [BRIDE's] finger and repeat after me:

With this ring I thee wed, and bind my life to yours.

[BRIDE], please take the ring and place it on [GROOM's] finger and repeat after me:

With this ring I thee wed, and bind my life to yours.

Because of the vows they have taken today, [BRIDE] and [GROOM] have created a whole new family. To make their commitment to that new family complete, they wish to include their children: [Children's Names here] and recognize them as an integral part of this marriage.

OPTION: Giving them each a medallion/ring/etc. to symbolize their new family unity.

Do you [BRIDE & GROOM] take these children to be the children of your heart, to love and to hug, to talk to and to learn from, through successes and growing pains, as long as you all shall live? "I DO."

Do you Children take [BRIDE & GROOM] to be your step- Mom and Dad and your friend, accomplice and ally, to love and to cherish, as long as you all shall live? "I / WE DO."

Do you, Bride's children & Groom's children, each take the other(s) to be your (sister / brother) and your friend(s), through fights and through fun, as long as you all shall live? "I / WE DO."

Do you, Parents, promise to support these relationships, to give them room to breathe, to encourage their special bonds with each other and love them through it all? "WE DO"

For as much as [BRIDE] and [GROOM] have consented together in holy wedlock. Have witnessed that same, before God and this company. And hereto, have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving rings, and by joining hands, I pronounce that they are Husband and Wife.

Congratulations, you may kiss your bride.