

Traditional Ceremony

*** The person who is to give the bride away stands at the bride's left**

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today 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 and is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, and respectfully. Into this holy estate these two persons have come now to be joined. If anyone can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him or her now speak, or else forever hold their peace.

*** PAUSE**

I require and charge you both that if either of you know any reason why you may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, you now confess it.

*** PAUSE**

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

*** PAUSE** (Man answer 'I will.')

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

*** PAUSE** (Woman answer 'I will.')

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

*** PAUSE** (Person will say 'I do' then sit down - or step back if remain standing)

*** Take the woman's right hand & place it in the right hand of the man.**

Ask MAN to repeat

I MAN, take you, WOMAN to be my lawfully wedded wife; ***PAUSE** to have and to hold from this day forward; ***PAUSE** for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer; ***PAUSE** in sickness and in health; ***PAUSE** to love and to cherish, till death do us part.

*** PAUSE**

Ask WOMAN to repeat

I WOMAN, take you, MAN to be my lawfully wedded husband; ***PAUSE** to have and to hold from this day forward; ***PAUSE** for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer; ***PAUSE** in sickness and in health; ***PAUSE** to love and to cherish, till death do us part.

*** PAUSE**

*** give the woman's ring to man** place this on her third finger of her left hand

Ask MAN to repeat

With this ring, I thee wed.

*** PAUSE**

*** give the man's ring to woman** place this on his third finger of his left hand

Ask WOMAN to repeat

With this ring, I thee wed.

*** Join the couples right hands together**

Those whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder.

Because MAN and WOMAN Have consented together to holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and have given and pledged their loyalties one to the other, and have evidenced this by the giving and receiving of rings and joining hands, by the power vested in me by the state of Florida, I now pronounce that they are husband and wife!

You may now kiss the bride!