CEREMONY #1

Marriage Officiant: We are gathered here today to witness the formal joining of ______ and ______ in legal matrimony according to the custom and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Manitoba.

*Turn to 1st person:*

__________, please repeat after me. “I do solemnly declare /that I do not know of any lawful impediment /why I, ________, /may not be joined in matrimony to ________."

*Turn to 2nd person:*

__________, please repeat after me. “I do solemnly declare /that I do not know of any lawful impediment /why I, ________, /may not be joined in matrimony to ________.”

*Declaration of Intent and Vows*

Please face each other to repeat your vows.

*Turn to 1st person:*

Please repeat after me. “I call upon these persons here present /to witness that I, ________, /do take you, ________, /to be my lawful wedded (husband, wife, spouse, partner).”

*Turn to 2nd person:*

Please repeat after me. “I call upon these persons here present /to witness that I, ________, /do take you, ________, /to be my lawful wedded (husband, wife, spouse, partner).”

*Exchange of Rings*

*Turn to 1st person:*

Please place the ring on the 3rd finger of ________’s left hand.

Please repeat after me. “With this ring, I thee wed. /I shall love, honour and cherish thee, /and this ring is the symbol of my love.”

*Turn to 2nd person:*

Please place the ring on the 3rd finger of ________’s left hand.

Please repeat after me. “With this ring, I thee wed. /I shall love, honour and cherish thee, /and this ring is the symbol of my love.”

*Signing of the Register*

At this time, the wedded parties and their witnesses will sign the Official Marriage Registration.

*Pronouncement*

I, ___ (Officiant Name) ___, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, and the Province of Manitoba, do hereby pronounce you, ________ and ________, to be married.

I wish you a long life, filled with happiness and prosperity, and may the vows you made to each other today, sustain you forever. You may celebrate your marriage with a kiss.