



CIVIL CEREMONY

for

Mary Doe and John Smith

Exchange of Vows

Minister: Now **John**, please repeat after me.

Groom: *I, John Smith ... ask you, Mary Doe... to be my partner, my lover ... my friend, and my wife ... I announce and declare ... my intention ... to give you ... my deepest friendship and love ... not only... when your moments are high ... but when they are low ... not only ... when you remember clearly ... Who you are ... but when you forget ... not only... when you are acting with love ... but when you are not ...*

It is my intention ... to be with you forever ... sharing all that is good within us ... with all those ... whose lives we touch.



Minister to the Bride: **Mary**, do you choose to grant **John's** request that you be his wife?

Bride: *I do.*



Minister: Now **Mary**, please repeat after me.

Bride: *I, **Mary Doe** ... ask you, **John Smith** ... to be my partner, my lover ... my friend, and my husband ... I announce and declare ... my intention ... to give you ... my deepest friendship and love ... not only... when your moments are high ... but when they are low ... not only ... when you remember clearly ... Who you are ... but when you forget ... not only... when you are acting with love ... but when you are not ...*

It is my intention ... to be with you forever ... sharing all that is good within us ... with all those ... whose lives we touch.

Minister to the Groom: **John**, do you choose to grant **Mary's** request that you be her husband?

Groom: *I do.*



Exchange the Rings

Minister: Now **John and Mary**, please take these rings you wish to give, one to the other. (**Bride** takes his ring – **Groom** takes her ring.)

Minister: Now **John**, please repeat after me.

Groom: With this ring ... I thee wed ... I now take your ring ... and give it place upon your hand ... (**He places the ring on her hand.**) ... that all may see and know of my love for you.

Minister: Now **Mary**, please repeat after me.

Bride: With this ring ... I thee wed ... I now take your ring ... and give it place upon your hand ... (**She places the ring on his hand.**) ... that all may see and know of my love for you.



*And so now, inasmuch as you **John**, and you, **Mary**, have announced the truths that are already written in your hearts, I observe joyfully that you have declared yourself to be husband and wife.*

You may kiss each other.