Ask the audience to please stand as the couple comes to the front, then have audience sit down when you are ready to begin

- 1. Honorable, happy and successful marriage is surely the principal goal of every normal person.
- 2. Marriage is perhaps the most vital of all decisions and has the most far-reaching effects, for it has to do not only with immediate happiness, but also eternal joys. It effects not only the two people involved, but their families and particularly their children and their children's children down through the many generations.
- 3. For a successful marriage, the formula is simple. The ingredients are few.
 - a. There must be the proper approach toward marriage. There must be proper courtship, proper selection and proper preparation.
 - b. There must be a great unselfishness.
 - c. There must be continued courting and expressions of affection, kindness and consideration.
 - d. There must be a complete living of the commandments of the Lord.
- 4. Love is like a flower, and, like the body, it needs constant feeding. The mortal body would soon be emaciated and die if there were not frequent feedings. The tender flower would wither and die without food and water. And so, love also, cannot be expected to last forever unless it is continually fed with portions of love, the manifestation of esteem and admiration, the expressions of gratitude, and the consideration of unselfishness.
- 5. Marriage is ordained of God. It is not merely a social custom.

Craig and Katy, please take each other by the right hand.

- 1. Craig Paul Heath and Kathryn Marie Sargent, you have taken one another by the right hand in token of the covenants you will now enter in the presence of God and these witnesses.
- 2. Craig Paul Heath, do you take Kathryn Marie Sargent as your lawfully wedded wife, and do you of your own free will and choice covenant as her companion and lawfully wedded husband that you will cleave unto her and none else; that you will observe all of the laws, covenants, and obligations pertaining to the holy state of matrimony; and that you will love, honor and cherish her as long as you both shall live?
- 3. Kathryn Marie Sargent, do you take Craig Paul Heath as your lawfully wedded husband, and do you of your own free will and choice covenant as his companion and lawfully wedded wife that you will cleave unto him and none else; that you will observe all of the laws, covenants, and obligations pertaining to the holy state of matrimony; and that you will love, honor and cherish him as long as you both shall live?
- 4. You may exchange rings.
- 5. Craig and Katy, by virtue of the legal authority vested in me as an Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, I pronounce you, Craig Paul heath and Kathryn Marie Sargent, husband and wife, legally and lawfully wedded for the period of your mortal years.
- 6. May God bless your union with joy in your posterity and a long life of happiness together, and may he enable you to keep sacred the covenants you have made. These blessings I invoke upon you in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.
- 7. You may kiss each other as husband and wife.

****Ask the audience to stand as the couple leaves***