

Civil Ceremony Two  
Two Guys and a Wedding

*Friends and Family.....*

*Welcome and Thank You*

We are gathered here today to witness the coming together of **Bride** and **Groom**, whose hearts and spirits have become forever tangled together. Presenting yourselves here today to be joined in marriage, you perform an act of faith built on the foundation of a spiritual bond that already exists.

Face each other and join hands.

Treasure the dreams you bring here today, and honor each other with honesty and selfless love. “Love is the ability and willingness to allow those you care for to make choices for themselves without insisting they satisfy your needs.” May this be true for both of you as you propose in your hearts to exercise compassion, patience and sacrifice for the good of one another –always.

C.S. Lewis said, "Friendship is something that raised us almost above humanity. This love, free from instinct, free from all duties but those which love has freely assumed,

almost wholly free from jealousy, and free without qualification from the need to be needed, is eminently spiritual. It is the sort of love one can imagine between angels."

May I have the rings please?

Groom and Bride, please face each other and join hands. You chose these rings as symbols of your vows, the parts of your lives that are now given in promise and loyalty to one other.

Groom, will you have Bride  
as your best friend, one true love  
beside you and apart from you;  
in laughter and tears;  
in conflict and peace;  
asking that she be no other than herself;  
loving what you know of her;  
trusting what you do not know yet  
and in all the ways life may find you  
as long as you both shall live"  
(I do) You may now place the ring on her finger.

Bride, will you have Groom  
as your best friend, one true love  
beside you and apart from you;  
in laughter and tears;

in conflict and peace;  
asking that he be no other than himself;  
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Wherever you go, may you always return to one another.  
May you grow in understanding and in compassion. May  
you be one in heart and in mind and always share with each  
other this gift of love.

And so, by the power vested in me by the State of South  
Carolina, I now pronounce you, Husband and Wife. You  
may kiss the bride!

Let's give a hand to Mr. and Mrs. Groom Thompson