

Wine Ceremony

(The glass of wine, covered with a card, waits on a small table. The Justice of the Peace lifts and passes it to the bride and groom, they hold it between them, each facing the other.)

Justice of the Peace will read:

Bride and Groom: _____

Throughout the ages, wine has been used for celebration. Often and among many people, wine has signified life, vitality, love, and a life of plenty. Often and among many people, drinking wine from a common cup has been the mark of deep sharing.

"The years of our lives are a cup of wine poured out for us to drink. The grapes when they are pressed give forth their good juices for the wine. Under the wine press of time our lives give forth their labor and honor and love. Many days you will sit at the same table and eat and drink together. Drink now, and may the cup of your lives be sweet and full to running over."

(The groom uncovers the cup and offers it to the bride, the bride to the groom, the groom passes it back to the Justice of the Peace.)

Justice of the Peace reads:

As you have shared this cup of wine, you undertake all that the future may bring. May all the sweetness that it holds for you be the sweeter because you taste it together.

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