

## **“WINE” OR “LOVING CUP” CEREMONY**

**(Usually placed after the ring exchange)**



The years of life are as a cup of wine poured out for you to drink. This Loving Cup contains within it a wine with certain properties that are sweet and symbolic of happiness, joy, hop, peace, love and delight.

The same wine also holds some bitter properties that are symbolic of disappointment, sorrow, grief, despair, and life's trials and tribulations.

Together the sweet and the bitter represent “Love's Journey” and all of the experiences that are a natural part of it. For all who share the wine from this Loving Cup, so may you share all things from this day on with love and understanding.

Those who drink deeply from the Loving Cup with an open heart and willing spirit, invite the full range of challenges and experiences into their being for themselves and the Bride and Groom.

**Minister pours wine into the Loving Cup and holds it up.**

This cup of wine is symbolic of the cup of life. As you all share the wine from the Loving Cup, you undertake to share all that the future may bring. It represents the blessings given and passed on to each participant in this ceremony.

All the sweetness life's cup may hold for each of you will be the sweeter because you drink it together. Whatever drops of bitterness it may contain, will be less bitter because you share them.

This Loving Cup is symbolic of the pledges you have made to one another to share together the fullness of life. As you drink from this cup, you acknowledge to one another that your lives, separate until this moment, have now become one.

Drink now, and may the cup of your lives be sweet and full to running over.

### **Bride & Groom drink from the Loving Cup**

As you have shared the wine from this Loving Cup, so may you share in the reflection of love in one another's soul. From love all things proceed and unto love they must return.

May you find life's joys heightened, it's bitterness sweetened, and all of life enriched by God's blessings upon you.



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