

Note: Bold sections are mandatory

INTRODUCTION

This couple has come here today to be joined in marriage, which is the voluntary union of two persons to the exclusion of all others. If any person can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

_____ and _____ have invited us to share in this celebration as they affirm their love before us, pledge their commitment to one another and enter into the joys and privilege of marriage. Love is one of the highest experiences we human beings can have and it can add depth of meaning to our lives. The day-to-day companionship, the pleasure in doing things together – or in doing separate things but exchanging experiences – is a continuous and central part of what two people who love one another can share.

_____ and _____ you have made it known that you want to be joined in marriage and no one has shown any valid reason why you may not. If either of you know of any lawful impediment why you should not be married, you are to now declare it.

DECLARATIONS

Officiant to 1st person: Please repeat after me:

“I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, _____ may not be joined in matrimony to _____”.

Officiant to 2nd person: Please repeat after me:

“I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, _____ may not be joined in matrimony to _____”.

VOWS

Would you please face each other and join your hands as you exchange your vows:

Officiant to 1st person: Please repeat after me:

**“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, _____
do take you, _____, to be my lawful wedded
(wife/husband/spouse/partner).**

Officiant to 2nd person: Please repeat after me:

**“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, _____
do take you, _____, to be my lawful wedded
(wife/husband/spouse/partner).**

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Wedding rings are an ancient symbol that two persons have committed themselves to each other. They will be a sign to you both of the vows you have exchanged; reminding you that your love valuable and no real beginning or end.

Officiant to 1st person: _____ place the ring on _____ finger, hold it there, and repeat after me.

“Receive this ring as a symbol of my vows to you. Whenever you look at it know that I love, honour and cherish you above all others.”

Officiant to 2nd person: _____ place the ring on _____ finger, hold it there, and repeat after me.

“Receive this ring as a symbol of my vows to you. Whenever you look at it know that I love, honour and cherish you above all others.”

PRONOUNCEMENT

_____ and _____ in as much as you have pledged yourself, one to the other, by the exchanging of vows and rings, I, *[Name of Officiant]* , **by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you _____ and _____ to be married.**

You may exchange a kiss as a token of your joy.

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

At this time, the couple and their witnesses will sign the Official Marriage Register.

SERVICE CONCLUSION

As you enter upon your marriage, let your home be a haven of peace in the middle of a busy and businesslike world; let your relationship be one of complete truth and understanding between you both; respect the confidences of your partner in this marriage, and consider that as the world gives nothing freely, neither will your marriage yield you more than you give into it.

May you enjoy length of days, fulfillment of hopes and peace and contentment of mind as you day by day live and fulfill the terms of this covenant you have made with one another.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you *[Mr. and Mrs. _____; the married couple.]*