

Note: Bold sections are mandatory

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of _____ and _____, we welcome and thank you for being here on their special day. By your presence, you celebrate with them the love they have discovered in each other and you support their decision to commit themselves to one another for the rest of their lives. Today we are here to celebrate love. We come together to witness and proclaim the joining together of these two persons in a marriage based on love.

This is an important and joyous occasion for _____ and _____ who will today make a commitment to each other, before witnesses, to pledge themselves, by mutual consent, to a union in friendship and life. Marriage is not to be entered upon thoughtlessly or irresponsibly but with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted. Therefore, if there is anyone present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, they should now declare it or hereafter remain silent.

_____ 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 now to 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). To laugh with you in joy; to grieve with you in sorrow; to grow with you in love; to be faithful to you alone; as long as we both shall live.”

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). To laugh with you in joy; to grieve with you in sorrow; to grow with you in love; to be faithful to you alone; as long as we both shall live.”

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

I wish you a long life, happiness, prosperity. May the vows you made to one another today sustain you forever.

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