

Note: Bold sections are mandatory

INTRODUCTION

We are gathered here today to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of _____ and _____, under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario. 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.

Marriage is a commitment. Its success does not depend on feelings, circumstances, or moods, but on two people who are loyal to each other, and the vows they took on their wedding day. Marriage acknowledges that while each of you is an amazing and unique individual, you are even better together. So I would ask that you always remember to cherish each other as special and unique individuals; respect each other's thoughts and ideas; and live each day that you may share it together.

_____ and _____ as the two of you walk the road of married life together, you will quickly come to realize that marriage is not a one-sided affair. The concept of what's mine is mine and what's yours is yours will no longer apply. There will need to be a sharing in all things...and that includes the sorrows as well as the good times. But that should be no cause for regret or concern, because the good times in marriage will always overshadow the sorrows, especially if you allow love to sustain you.

Both of you should understand that 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.

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). I will trust you and respect you, laugh with you and cry with you, loving you faithfully through good times and bad. I give you my hand, my heart and my love, from this day forward for 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). I will trust you and respect you, laugh with you and cry with you, loving you faithfully through good times and bad. I give you my hand, my heart and my love, from this day forward for 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, to the exclusion of all others. But they also hold a deeper meaning. The precious metal is a sign that the love shared between a couple is very valuable, and as a circle the ring tells us that love has 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.]