

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.]