



CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY – OPTION 2

THE PURPOSE

On behalf of _____ and _____, I welcome and thank you for being here on this 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. This afternoon/evening we are here to celebrate love. We come together to witness and proclaim the joining together of these two persons in marriage.

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 which is one of the most sacred of all human ties.

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.

_____ and _____, you have made it known that you want to be joined in marriage. If either of you know of any lawful impediment why you should not be married, you are now to declare it.

1st Person: Repeat after me please:

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

2nd Person: Repeat after me please:

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

**Who is it that gives this woman in marriage? – (Father, Mother, Sister, etc.
answer)**

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND VOWS

Would you please face each other, join hands and repeat after me.

1st Person:

**I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, _____, do
take you, _____, to be my lawful wedded wife, 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.”**

2nd Person:

**I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, _____, do
take you, _____ to be my lawful wedded husband, 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

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and life together.

1st Person:

Please place this ring on the third finger of _____s left hand, saying after me:

“This ring is my precious gift to you. As a measure of my love and as a sign that from this day forward your every breath shall be surrounded by my love.”

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and life together.

2nd Person:

Please place this ring on the third finger of _____'s left hand, saying after me:

“This ring is my precious gift to you. As a measure of my love and as a sign that from this day forward your every breath shall be surrounded by my love.”

As you wear these rings may you find them reminders of an endless love which may grow more meaningful with each passing day.

PRONOUNCEMENT

_____and _____ have pledged themselves to each other and have declared this symbolically by their vows and the exchange of rings.

I, (Wedding Officiant), by virtue of the powers vested in me by the *Ontario Marriage Act*, do hereby pronounce you _____and _____ to be (husband and wife, married, partners in life).

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

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

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

SERVICE CONCLUSION

Let your home be a haven of peace in the middle of a busy and business-like 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.

Officiant: “May I introduce to you the married couple.”