



CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY – OPTION 3

THE PURPOSE

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

The state of matrimony, as understood by us, is a state ennobled and enriched by a long and honourable tradition of devotion, set in the basis of the law of the land, assuring each participant an equality before the law, and supporting the common rights of each party to the marriage.

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 _____.”**

Marriage is not a single event but rather a developing process. Marriage is the faithful union between two persons, the result of which is the formation of a family unit whose members shall help, support and enjoy each other in good times and in bad times. It is this relationship these two persons wish to have declared and celebrated.

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 (husband/spouse/partner), to have and to hold, from this day forward. For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so 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/spouse/partner) to have and to hold, from this day forward. For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so 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 I give you in token of the covenant made this day between us.”

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 I give you in token of the covenant made this day between us.”

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

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

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. I wish you happiness and prosperity and may the vows you have made to each other today sustain you forever.

Officiant: "May I introduce to you the married couple."

NOTE: Bolded text is mandatory for the ceremony.