



Civil Marriage Ceremony

Welcome

Officiant: We gather here today to celebrate the wedding of _____ and _____. We are here to share in their commitment to one another, to offer our love and support to this union, and to allow _____ and _____ to start their married life together surrounded by the people dearest and most important to them.

Declaration of Commitment

Officiant: Marriage is a commitment in life, where two people can find and bring out the very best in each other. As such, 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.

Officiant to the 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 _____."

Officiant to the 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 _____."

Declaration of Vows

Please face each other to repeat your vows.

Officiant to the 1st person: Repeat after me please.

"I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, _____ do take you, _____ to be my lawful wedded (husband, wife, spouse or partner). To have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and health, to love and to cherish so as long as we both shall live."

Officiant to the 2nd person: Repeat after me please.

"I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, _____ do take you, _____ to be my lawful wedded (husband, wife, spouse or partner). To have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and health, to love and to cherish so as long as we both shall live."

Exchange of Rings (optional)

Officiant: These rings are a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and life together.

Officiant to the 1st person: Please place this ring on the third finger of _____'s left hand and repeat after me.

"I give you this ring as a token of my love and devotion."

Officiant to the 2nd person: Please place this ring on the third finger of _____'s left hand and repeat after me.

"I give you this ring as a token of my love and devotion."

Officiant: As you wear these rings, may they be a reminder of your endless love which will grow more meaningful with each passing day.

Signing of the Register

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

Ceremony Conclusion

Officiant: 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 celebrate your marriage with a kiss. **(optional)**

I present to you, the newly married couple.