

Script Option #2

Introductions

THE PURPOSE

This couple has come here today to be joined in marriage, which is the voluntary union of two persons to the exclusion of all others. If any person can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

_____ and _____ have invited us to share in this celebration as they affirm their love before us, pledge their commitment to one another and enter into the joys and privilege of marriage. Love is one of the highest experiences we human beings can have and it can add depth of meaning to our lives. The day-to-day companionship, the pleasure in doing things together – or in doing separate things but exchanging experiences – is a continuous and central part of what two people who love one another can share.

Officiant to 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 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 _____”.

If either person is escorted forward, Officiant states:

Who is it that gives this _____ (man/woman/these individuals) in marriage?

Answer: “I/we do.” (father, mother, children relative, etc.)

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND VOWS

Marriage is not a single event but rather a developing process which is not to be undertaken recklessly or irresponsibly, but rather maturely and honestly. 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 and that children should enjoy the security of family life, love and home. It is this relationship that these two persons wish to have declared and celebrated.

Officiant to couple:

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

Officiant to 1st person:

“I call upon these persons/ here present/ to witness that I, _____/ do take you, _____,/ to be my lawful wedded (wife/husband/spouse/partner).

Officiant to 2nd person:

"I call upon these persons here present/ to witness that I, _____/ do take you,
_____,/ to be my lawful wedded (wife/husband/spouse/partner).

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Officiant to 1st person:

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

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

"With this ring, / I thee wed. / I shall love, / honour and cherish thee/ and this ring/
shall be the symbol/ of my love."

Officiant to 2nd person:

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

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

"With this ring, / I thee wed. / I shall love, / honour and cherish thee/ and this ring/
shall be the symbol/ of my love."

PRONOUNCEMENT

I, _____, 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 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.

Officiant: May I introduce to you the married couple.