



Short and Sweet

Introduction

Good [morning/afternoon], my name is [Officiant], and I have the privilege of performing this ceremony. On behalf of [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2], thank you for sharing in their special day.

We are gathered here to witness the formal joining of [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2] in legal matrimony according to the customs and laws prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Declaration of Commitment

By making this commitment today, [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2] demonstrate their devotion to each other and dedicate themselves to a life together as a couple.

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.

[Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2], you have made it known that you wish 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.

Officiant to [Applicant 1]: Repeat after me please:

I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, [Applicant 1] may not be joined in matrimony to [Applicant 2].

Officiant to [Applicant 2]: Repeat after me please:

I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, [Applicant 2] may not be joined in matrimony to [Applicant 1].

Officiant: Who gives this [man/woman/these individuals] to be married?

Answer: "I do."

Declaration of Vows

Officiant: Please face each other to repeat your vows

Officiant to [Applicant 1]: I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, [Applicant 1] do take you, [Applicant 2], to be my lawful wedded [wife/husband/partner/spouse].

Officiant to [Applicant 2]: I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, [Applicant 2] do take you, [Applicant 1], to be my lawful wedded [wife/husband/partner/spouse].

Exchange of Rings

Officiant to [Applicant 1]: Repeat after me please. "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 [Applicant 2]: Repeat after me please. "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."

Signing of the Register

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

Conclusion

I [Officiant], by virtue of the power vested in me by the *Marriage Act*, do hereby pronounce you [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2] to be married.

You may celebrate your marriage with a kiss.

*highlighted text is mandatory for the ceremony



Modern

Introduction

Good [morning/afternoon]. On behalf of [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2], 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.

We come together to witness and proclaim the formal joining of [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2] in legal matrimony according to the customs and laws prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Declaration of Commitment

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. 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.

[Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2] stand before you today, ready and willing to fully commit to one another, as forever friends and as [husband and wife/spouses].

[Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2], if either of you know of any lawful impediment why you should not be married, you are now to declare it.

Officiant to [Applicant 1]: Repeat after me please.

“I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, [Applicant 1] may not be joined in matrimony to [Applicant 2].”

Officiant to [Applicant 2]: Repeat after me please.

“I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, [Applicant 2] may not be joined in matrimony to [Applicant 1].”

Declaration of Vows

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

Officiant to [Applicant 1]: I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, [Applicant 1] do take you, [Applicant 2], to be my lawful wedded [wife/husband/partner/spouse]. To laugh with you in joy, to grieve with you in sorrow, to grow with you in love and to be faithful to you alone; as long as we both shall live.”

Officiant to [Applicant 2]: I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, [Applicant 1] do take you, [Applicant 2], to be my lawful wedded [wife/husband/partner/spouse]. To laugh with you in joy, to grieve with you in sorrow, to grow with you in love and to be faithful to you alone; as long as we both shall live.”

Exchange of Rings

I ask that the rings you are about to exchange be used and regarded as a seal and confirmation and acceptance of the vows you have made.

Officiant to [Applicant 1]: Repeat after me please. “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 [Applicant 2]: Repeat after me please. “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.”

Signing of the Register

I will now invite the witnesses to join [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2] to complete the signing of the register.

Conclusion

And now, [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2], you have consented to marriage, and have declared your intentions before these witnesses, in my presence, and have exchanged these rings as a pledge of your vows to each other; so, I, [Officiant] by virtue of the powers vested in me by the *Marriage Act*, do hereby pronounce you [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2] to be married.

You may celebrate your marriage with a kiss.

*highlighted text is mandatory for the ceremony



Traditional

Introduction

Welcome family and friends, my name is [Officiant], and I have the privilege of performing this ceremony today. On behalf of [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2], thank you for being here and sharing in their joy on this special day.

We are gathered here in the presence of these witnesses, to unite together [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2] in the bonds of matrimony according to the customs and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

We are also here to celebrate the love they have discovered for each other and support their decision to commit themselves to a lifelong relationship.

Declaration of Commitment

Marriage is not a single event but rather a developing process and should not be entered into recklessly or irresponsibly but rather maturely and honestly. Marriage is the faithful union between two people to the exclusion of all others and needs to be taken with a serious understanding and appreciation.

Officiant to [Applicant 1]: [Applicant 1], please repeat after me. "I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, [Applicant 1] may not be joined in matrimony to [Applicant 2]."

Officiant to [Applicant 2]: [Applicant 2], please repeat after me. "I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, [Applicant 2] may not be joined in matrimony to [Applicant 1]."

By making this commitment today, [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2]'s relationship will become stronger and deeper. They stand before you today, ready and willing to fully commit to one another, as forever friends and as [husband and wife/partners/spouses]. Their lives, which began on separate paths, will now be joined as one.

Declaration of Vows

Officiant to [Applicant 1]: Please repeat after me: I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, [Applicant 1] do take you, [Applicant 2], to be my lawful wedded [wife/husband/partner/spouse], to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish so long as we both shall live.

Officiant to [Applicant 2]: Please repeat after me: I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, [Applicant 1] do take you, [Applicant 2], to be my lawful wedded [wife/husband/partner/spouse], to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish so long as we both shall live.

May the love that has brought you together continue to grow and enrich your lives. May the challenges that life brings your way make your marriage grow stronger. May your relationship always be one of love and trust. May the happiness you share today be with you always.

Exchange of Rings

Now, the rings you are about to exchange are a symbol of your love, your marriage, and your life together.

Officiant to [Applicant 1]: [Applicant 1], do you have the ring? Please place the ring on [Applicant 2]'s finger repeating after me: [Applicant 2], with this ring I thee wed, I shall love, honour, and cherish you, and this ring shall be a symbol of my love.

Officiant to [Applicant 2]: [Applicant 2], do you have the ring? Please place the ring on [Applicant 1]'s finger repeating after me: [Applicant 1], with this ring I thee wed, I shall love, honour, and cherish you, and this ring shall be a symbol of 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.

Signing of the Register

I will now invite the witnesses to join [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2] to complete the signing of the register.

Conclusion

I wish you a long life, happiness, prosperity, and may the vows you exchanged today, sustain you forever.

I, [Officiant] by virtue of the powers vested in me by the *Marriage Act*, do hereby pronounce you [Applicant 1] and [Applicant 2] to be married.

You may kiss your spouse.

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