

Introduction

*We are gathered here today to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of **BRIDE/PARTNER 1 and GROOM/PARTNER 2** according to the order and the custom prevailing, and under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Alberta.*

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

There is a desire for lifelong companionship, and a generous sharing of the help and comfort that a husband and wife should expect to have from one another, through whatever circumstances of sickness or health, joy or sorrow, prosperity or adversity they may experience in their lives.

Marriage is there fore not to be entered into lightly, thoughtlessly or irresponsibly. Marriage by its nature is a state of giving rather than taking, of offering rather than receiving, for marriage requires the giving of one's self to support the marriage and the home in which it may flourish.

With this understanding

BRIDE/PARTNER 1 and GROOM/PARTNER 2

wish to be joined in marriage.

Therefore

If any person can show just and sufficient reason why these two persons may not be joined together in matrimony, let them now declare their reasons, or else from this time forward, keep their peace.

I now call upon you both and in the presence of these witnesses, to repeat after me:

Let the Bride say:

*I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful reason why I, **BRIDE/PARTNER 1** may not be joined in matrimony to **GROOM/PARTNER 2**.*

Let the Groom say:

*I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful reason why I, **GROOM/PARTNER 2** may not be joined in matrimony to **BRIDE/PARTNER 1**.*

As there has been no reason declared or admitted,

I require you to give answers to these questions:

*Do You, **GROOM** promise to give to this woman the love of your person, the comfort of your companionship, and patience of your understanding; to share with her equally of the necessities of life as they may be earned or enjoyed by yourself, and to respect the dignity of her own personal rights?*

*Answer: **I do.***

*Do You, **BRIDE** promise to give to this man the love of your person, the comfort of your companionship, and patience of your understanding; to share with him equally of the necessities of life as they may be earned or enjoyed by yourself, and to respect the dignity of his own personal rights?*

*Answer: **I do.***

The Marriage Vows

*Now would the Groom and Bride please face one another,
join their hands,*

*And let the **Groom** repeat after me:*

*I call upon those persons present to witness that I,
Grooms Name do take thee, **Bride's Name** to be my lawful
wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, in
whatever circumstance
or experience life may hold for us.*

*Let the **Bride** repeat after me:*

*I call upon those persons present to witness that I,
Bride's Name do take thee, **Groom's Name**
to be my lawful wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this
day forward, in whatever circumstance or experience life may hold
for us.*

The Ring Exchange

Inasmuch as you have made this declaration of your vows concerning one another, I ask that now these rings be worn as a symbol of your love and confirmation of your vows you have made.

*Let **Groom's Name** place the ring on the third finger of the bride's left hand,
repeating after me:*

***Bride's Name**, I give you this ring that you may wear it as a symbol of our marriage vows.*

With this ring I promise and give to you the truth and faithfulness of my life in marriage.

*Let **Bride's Name** say after me:*

In receiving this ring I promise and give to you the truth and faithfulness of my life in marriage.

If a second ring is presented,

*Let the **bride** place the ring on the third finger of the man's left hand, repeating after me:*

Groom's Name, *I give you this ring that you may wear it as a symbol of our marriage vows.*

With this ring I promise and give to you the truth and faithfulness of my life in marriage.

*Let the **groom** say after me:*

In receiving this ring I promise and give to you the truth and faithfulness of my life in marriage.

Bride & Groom's Personal Vows

The personal vows a bride and groom would read to each other (either aloud for the guests to hear, or spoken quietly for each other), would be inserted here.

As you enter upon your marriage, let your home a haven of peace in the midst of a busy and businesslike world; let your relationship be one of complete truth, love and understanding between you both; respect the confidences of your partner in this marriage, and consider that as the world gives nothing freely, neigh will your marriage yield to you more than what you give to 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 promise you have made with one another.

The Declaration

*And now, forasmuch as you **Groom** and **Bride** have consented in marriage, and have declared your solemn intention in the company before these witnesses, and in my presence; and have exchanged these rings as the pledge of your love to each other; and as in the joining of your hands you have accepted one another; now upon the authority vested in my by the Province of Alberta,*

*I pronounce you **'Husband'** and **'Wife'**.*

Your commitment may now be sealed with a KISS

I now present to you:
Bride and Groom's Married Name
 (the way they would like to be introduced)