

Wedding Ceremony with Rings

Vows

We are gathered here today to witness the formal joining of *Groom Last Name* and *Bride Last Name* in the legal state of matrimony. You are to be married according to the orders, customs, and the authority granted by the government of Alberta.

Matrimony, as understood by us, is a state enriched by a long and honourable tradition of devotion. According to the law, each participant is equal and supports the common rights of one another in marriage.

Marriage is not just a ceremony here today. It is a commitment for life. Therefore, it is not to be entered into thoughtlessly or irresponsibly.

There must be a desire for lifelong companionship. You must support and comfort each other, through the changing experiences of life. May you laugh together in joy, grieve together in sorrow, and grow together in love.

Marriage means caring as much about the welfare and happiness of your partner as about your own well-being. It also means working together to create and sustain a home in which the marriage may flourish.

With this understanding *Groom Last Name* and *Bride Last Name* wish to be joined in matrimony.

Therefore:

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

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

Bride:

I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, *Bride Last Name*, may not be joined in matrimony to *Groom Last Name*.

Groom:

I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, *Groom Last Name*, may not be joined in matrimony to *Bride Last Name*.

As no impediment was declared or admitted, I require you to give answers to these questions:

Do you, *Groom Last Name*, promise to give this woman your everlasting love, the comfort of your companionship, and the patience of your understanding? Will you share with her equally 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 Last Name*, promise to give this man your everlasting love, the comfort of your companionship, and the patience of your understanding? Will you share with him equally 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.

Now would you please face one another, join hands, and let *Groom* repeat after me:

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

Now, *Bride*, please repeat after me:

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

Having declared these marriage vows *Groom*, please place the ring on the third finger of *Bride's* left hand, repeating after me:

Bride, I give you this ring that you may wear it as a lasting reminder of our marriage vows and as a symbol of my love and commitment to you.

Bride , please repeat after me:

I accept this ring as a symbol of your love and commitment.

Bride , please place the ring on the third finger of *Groom's* left hand, repeating after me:

Groom, I give you this ring that you may wear it as a lasting reminder of our marriage vows and as a symbol of my love and commitment to you.

Groom, please repeat after me:

I accept this ring as a symbol of your love and commitment.

Groom Last Name and *Bride Last Name*, you have consented in marriage, and have declared your solemn intention in this company, before these witnesses and in my presence. You have exchanged these rings as the pledge of your love to each other; you have joined your hands to accept one another.

Now upon the authority vested in me by the Province of Alberta, I pronounce you “husband” and “wife”.

You may now seal your commitment with a kiss.

As you begin your marriage, let your home be a haven of peace in the midst of a busy and changing 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 your marriage will yield what you give to it. Marriage requires a 100%/100% commitment from each of you.

May you enjoy a long life, fulfill your hopes; feel content as you live day by day, and keep your promises to one another.

Ladies and Gentlemen I now present to you

Mr. & Mrs. *GROOM LAST NAME*