

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Registrar's welcome
Introduction and presentation (optional)
Reading (optional)
Declaratory words (legal requirement)
Contracting words (legal requirement), ring exchange (optional) and traditional vows
Reading (optional)
Pronouncement
Signing of the schedule
Concluding words

Registrar will welcome guests before the arrival of the 2nd party or couple if entering together

(words to reflect the requests of the couple, personalised by the Registrar but will generally encompass the following: mobile phone etiquette, photos during the ceremony, social media, confetti, when guests are asked to stand up, any wishes about crying babies)



INTRODUCTION

Good afternoon family and friends.

On behalf of _____ and _____, may I formally welcome you to the beautiful surroundings of (Venue Name) for one of life's great moments – a wedding – to celebrate the love between this couple.

My name is_____ and I have the honour and privilege of conducting the marriage ceremony today.

My colleague is _____, and they are responsible for the legal aspects of today's ceremony. _____ will be listening very carefully to ensure that all the legal parts of the ceremony are performed correctly, so that _____ and _____ leave here today as they intended – a legally married couple.

Before this ceremony can begin, I am required to formally check your names:

_____ – Would you please confirm your full names?

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This place in which we are met has been duly sanctioned according to the law for the celebration of marriages.

You are here today to witness the joining in matrimony of _____ to _____ and I am required to ask if any person here present knows of any lawful impediment to this marriage they should declare it now.



PRESENTING BRIDE/GROOM

(Optional according to couples' requests)

One of the customs in the wedding ceremony that brings together new and old is the presentation of the bride/groom. Today, presenting (the bride/groom) is seen as a symbolic act of love and support for the new couple

Who has the honour of presenting _____ to be married to _____ ?

Through their vows _____ and _____ are making a commitment to each other for the rest of their lives. They have invited you all here to witness this commitment and through your presence today, as their family and friends, you are expressing your love and support for them at this very special occasion.

For _____ and _____ getting married today confirms the love, respect and true friendship that they have for one another.

Together they will be stronger to meet whatever life holds for them.

READING – by guest, supplied by couple and approved before the ceremony by the Registration Service



DECLARATORY WORDS

_____ and _____ before you are joined in matrimony, I have to remind you of the solemn and binding character of marriage and of the implicit promises you are about to make to each other.

According to the law of this Country, marriage is the union of two people, voluntarily entered into for life, to the exclusion of all others.

The purpose of marriage is that you may always love, care for and support each other, through the joys and sorrows of life and that love may be fulfilled in a relationship of permanent and continuing commitment.

I must now ask each of you to declare that you know of no legal reason why you should not be married to each other.

Please repeat after me:

Option to be selected by the couple when they complete the Options Questions on their online booking

Option 1

I do solemnly declare, that I know not of any lawful impediment why I (full name) ,may not be joined in matrimony to (full name)

Option 2

I declare that I know of no legal reason why I (full name) may not be joined in marriage to (full name)

Option 3

Registrar asks: Are you (full name) free lawfully to marry (full name)

Response: I am



We have now reached the part of this wedding ceremony when _____ and _____ will enter into their contract of marriage before you, their guests and witnesses.

_____ and _____ you have gathered about you those whom you love most. You have invited them here to receive their encouragement and support in the celebration of your marriage. In the presence of this company, I have a question for you which I would like you to answer to one another:

_____ will you take _____ to be your lawful wedded husband/wife, will you comfort him/her, rejoice with him/her and remain true to him/her for the rest of your life?

Response: I Will or I Do

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CONTRACTING WORDS

Ladies and gentlemen, family and friends, we have now come to the most important part of the ceremony, the formal vows of marriage and the exchange of rings.

The wearing of a wedding ring is the ancient and traditional seal of a marriage. The wedding ring is an unbroken circle that symbolises unending and everlasting love, a circle that has no beginning and no end. It is an outward and visible sign of the lifelong promises you are about to make, and to which all the people here today are witnesses.

(Ring bearer) would you please bring forward the rings

Please repeat after me:

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Option 1

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (full name) do take thee (full name) to be my lawful wedded wife/husband

Option 2

I (full name) take you (full name) to be my wedded wife/husband

Option 3

I (full name) take thee (full name) to be my wedded wife/husband

Followed by the Traditional Vows

I give you this ring
as a symbol of our marriage
and I promise to care for you
give you my love and friendship
support and comfort you
and to respect and cherish you
throughout our lives together.

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PRONOUNCEMENT

_____ and _____ you came here today, in the presence of family and friends, to express your love and your commitment to each other. Your lives are forever changed. Today will be a milestone in your lives that you will look back upon with love and happiness, and we hope that the feelings of love that you have for each other will deepen and grow stronger throughout the years to come.

It was love that brought you here today. It is love that makes a true partnership, and it will be love that makes your marriage endure.

_____ and _____ you have both made the declarations prescribed by law, and have made a solemn, and binding contract, with each other, in the presence of all the guests invited here and the witnesses who will sign the schedule with you.

We are honoured to be able to tell you that by your own words, and by the law of this country, you are now (husband and wife/husband and husband/wife and wife), and it is my privilege to introduce you as a married couple for the first time

If you wish you may seal your marriage with a kiss

SIGNING OF THE SCHEDULE

(opportunity for photographs)



CONCLUDING WORDS

Ladies and Gentlemen, this brings the formal proceedings to a close. I would like to wish you a wonderful time celebrating with _____ and _____ here at _____

It just remains for me to ask you all to stand...and join us in offering congratulations to the newly married couple, as they take their first steps into married life together -

Mr & Mrs/Mr & Mr/Mrs & Mrs (*surname as requested*)

or

First names

or

The happy couple