

**Note:** Bold sections are mandatory

<b>INTRODUCTION</b>
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We are gathered together to witness the formal joining of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in legal matrimony according to the custom and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

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.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ you have made it known that you want 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.

<b>DECLARATIONS</b>
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*Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:* Please repeat after me:

**“I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, \_\_\_\_\_ may not be joined in matrimony to \_\_\_\_\_”.**

*Officiant to 2<sup>nd</sup> person:* Please repeat after me:

**“I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, \_\_\_\_\_ may not be joined in matrimony to \_\_\_\_\_”.**

**VOWS**

Would you please face each other and join your hands as you exchange your vows:

*Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:* Please repeat after me:

**“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 2<sup>nd</sup> person:* Please repeat after me:

**“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**

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

*Officiant to 1<sup>st</sup> person:* \_\_\_\_\_ place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger,  
hold it there, and repeat after me.

“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 2<sup>nd</sup> person:* \_\_\_\_\_ place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger,  
hold it there, and repeat after me.

“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.”

**PRONOUNCEMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in as much as you have pledged yourself, one to the other, by the exchanging of vows and rings, I, *[Name of Officiant]* , **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 couple and their witnesses will sign the Official Marriage Register.

**SERVICE CONCLUSION**

I wish you a long life, happiness, prosperity. May the vows you made to one another today sustain you forever.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you [*Mr. and Mrs.*\_\_\_\_\_; *the married couple.*]