

We come together, not to mark the start of a relationship, but to recognize a truly special bond that already exists. This marriage is but one expression of the many, many ways that PARTNER and PARTNER love one another.

It is one of life's richest surprises when the meeting of two people lead them to proceed together along a common path as Partners for Life. It is one of life's finest experiences when a casual relationship grows into a permanent bond of love. This meeting and this growth bring us together today.

You are mature people who have established individual patterns of living. Yet you have found not only a need for companionship, but the satisfaction of that need in each other's company. It is this love, based upon a responsible understanding, that will aid you in creating out of your two lives, a marriage and a happiness you will share together.

We remind you that you are performing an act of complete faith, each in the other; that the heart of your marriage will be the relationship you have created. In a world where faith often falls short of expectation, it is a tribute to these two who now join hands and hearts in perfect faith.

PARTNER and PARTNER have come here to enter into the state holy matrimony. They have complied with Civil Law and are duly prepared to enter into this marriage. They will give their consent to each other, they will exchange solemn vows, and in token of this, they will each give and receive a ring.

If anyone present knows a reason why PARTNER and PARTNER may not lawfully marry, please declare it now or forever hold your peace.

PARTNER and PARTNER, if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, please declare it now.

Reading – 1, Corinthians 13

If I speak well, if I have absolute faith, and if I dispose of all I possess, but have not love, I achieve precisely nothing.

This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience; it looks for a way of being constructive.

It is not possessive: it is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance.

Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage.

It is not overly sensitive. It does not keep an account of the wrongs of others but is glad when good happens to anyone.

Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything.

It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

In this life we have three great lasting qualities - faith, hope and love.

And the greatest of these is love.

Minister:

PARTNER, do you take PARTNER to be your lawful wedded (Wife/Husband), to live together in the holy relationship of marriage? Do you promise to love (her/him), comfort (her/him), respect and cherish (her/him), to care for (her/him) in all circumstances, and be faithful and loyal to (her/him) as long as both of you live?

PARTNER: I do

Minister:

PARTNER, do you take PARTNER to be your lawful wedded (Wife/Husband), to live together in the holy relationship of marriage? Do you promise to love (her/him), comfort him, respect and cherish (her/him), to care for (her/him) in all circumstances, and be faithful and loyal to (her/him) as long as both of you live?

PARTNER: I do

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I, PARTNER, take you PARTNER to be my lawful wedded (Wife/Husband), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to honour, for the rest of our lives. This is my solemn vow.

PARTNER:

I, PARTNER, take you PARTNER to be my lawful wedded (Wife/Husband), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to honour, for the rest of our lives. This is my solemn vow.

Minister:

Bless these rings for they are a circle and are a symbol of eternity. They are a symbol of union. A symbol of holiness and of perfection. PARTNER AND PARTNER, the rings you exchange and which you will wear are a symbol of a shared love which you are entering now, as Partners for Life.

PARTNER:

I give you this ring as a symbol of my love, my faith in our strength together, and my covenant to learn and grow with you.

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Minister:

PARTNER and PARTNER, you have joined yourselves to each other by solemn vows, signified by the joining of hands, and the giving and receiving of rings. By the authority vested in me under the Marriage Act of the Province of Ontario and the Grace of God, I declare that from this day until the end of all days, you are now Partners for Life.

You may now kiss.

Signing of the Marriage Register

Minister: Ladies and gentlemen, let me present to you for the very first time as a Married Couple, PARTNER and PARTNER.