

Who has the honour of presenting this woman to be married to this man?

Wedding Officiant: Ladies and gentlemen, today we have gathered together to celebrate the marriage of (BRIDE and GROOM). Marriage is the promise between two people who love each other, who trust each other, who honor one another as individuals in that togetherness, and who wish to spend rest of their lives with each other. It enables the two separate souls to share their desires, longings, dreams, joys and sorrows, and to help each other through all uncertainties of life.

If anyone present knows a reason why GROOM and BRIDE may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now or forever hold your peace.

GROOM and BRIDE, if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

Wedding Officiant: (Reading by Margaret A. Keip)

"Marriage has certain qualities of contract, in which two people take on the housekeeping tasks of living together, to enhance life's joy.

However, marriage is more than a contract. Marriage is commitment to take that joy deep, deeper than happiness, deep into the discovery of who you most truly are. It is a commitment to a spiritual journey, to a life of becoming - in which joy can comprehend despair, running through rivers of pain into joy again.

And thus marriage is even deeper than commitment. It is a covenant - a covenant that says:

I love you. I trust you. I will be here for you when you are hurting, and when I am hurting, I will not leave.

It is a covenant intended not to provide haven from pain or from anger and sorrow. Life offers no such haven. Instead, marriage is intended to provide a sanctuary safe enough to risk loving, to risk living and sharing from the center of oneself. This is worth everything."

Intentions

Wedding Officiant: (GROOM), will you take (BRIDE), to be your lawful wedded wife? Will you love, comfort, honor and protect her; forsaking all others to be faithful to her until death do you apart?

GROOM: I Do.

Wedding Officiant: (BRIDE), will you take (GROOM), to be your lawful wedded

husband? Will you love, comfort, honor and protect him; forsaking all others to be faithful to him until death do you apart?

Bride: I Do.

Marriage Vows

Wedding Officiant: (To the bride and GROOM), repeat after me:

I, (GROOM) take you (BRIDE) to be my wife, and my better half. I will take care and cherish our relationship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever. I will always be open, honest, and faithful to you. I take you for my wife, to have and to hold from this day on, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish for all the days of my life and until my last breath.

I, (BRIDE) take you (GROOM) to be my husband, and my better half. I will take care and cherish our relationship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever. I will always be open, honest, and faithful to you. I take you for my husband, to have and to hold from this day on, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish for all the days of my life and until my last breath.

Exchange of Rings

Wedding Officiant: (To the groom), repeat after me:

This ring, which has no beginning and no end, symbolizes the love and trust between us that will never cease. May its presence on your hand remind you of my love and vow. I place it on your finger as a visible sign of the promises which have made us husband and wife.

Wedding Officiant: (To the bride), repeat after me:

This ring, which has no beginning and no end, symbolizes the love and trust between us that will never cease. May its presence on your hand remind you of my love and vow. I place it on your finger as a visible sign of the promises which have made us husband and wife.

Wedding Officiant: Until now (BRIDE) and (GROOM) have spent each moment of their lives as separate individuals. But from this day on, and every day after this day shall be shared and spent as one. By the authority vested in me under the Marriage Act of the Province of Ontario, I now pronounce you husband and wife. (GROOM) You may now kiss your bride.

Signing of the Marriage Register

Wedding Officiant: Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you Mr. and Mrs. (Last Name).