

The ceremony wording that follows is what most couples choose as their ceremony.

There are a number of ways to personalize the ceremony. These include:

1-Writing your own personal vows to each other that will follow the legal vows

2-Choosing one or more readings from the provided guide or others that you have found

3-Adding a Unity Ceremony

You may also wish to write your own ceremony or make changes to the ceremony below. Be advised that this may result in additional charges for editing the ceremony as required to ensure that the legal requirements are met and that the ceremony flows smoothly.

Areas Highlighted in **Yellow** cannot be changed

Introduction

We are gathered together in this beautiful setting to witness the formal joining of Groom and Bride in the legal state of matrimony.

You are to be married according to the orders, customs, and the authority granted by the Province of Alberta.

Matrimony, as understood by us, is a state enriched by a long and honorable tradition of devotion.

According to the law each participant is equal and supports the common rights of one another to the marriage.

When two people choose to be married, and bond their lives to each other, they are certain that they have something special that will make their commitment last.

There is a desire for lifelong companionship. Couples will support and comfort each other, through the changing experiences of life.

A good marriage is not just marrying the right partner, it is also being the right partner. You know you have found true love when you catch yourself falling in love with the same person over and over again.

Marriage means caring as much about the welfare and happiness of your marriage partner as about your own well-being.

Marriage also means working together to create and sustain a home in which the marriage will flourish.

It is with this understanding, Groom and Bride wish to be joined in marriage.

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

Let Bride say: I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, Bride-Legal may not be joined in matrimony to Groom-Legal

Let Groom say: I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, Groom-Legal may not be joined in matrimony to Bride-Legal

I now ask that you give answer to these questions:

Groom, do you take Bride, to live together in marriage?

Answer: *I DO*

Do you promise to love Bride, to honor and protect her, and forsaking all others, be faithful only to Bride for so long as you both shall live!

Answer: *I DO*

Bride, do you take Groom, to live together in marriage?

Answer: *I DO*

Do you promise to love Groom, honor and protect him, and forsaking all others, be faithful only to Groom for so long as you both shall live!

Answer: *I DO*

The Marriage Vows

Groom please repeat after me:

I call upon those persons present to witness that I, Groom-Legal, do take you, Bride-Legal, to be my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold, and share my life with me, from this day forward, in whatever circumstances or experiences life may hold for us.

Let Bride repeat after me:

I call upon those persons present to witness that I, Bride-Legal, do take you Groom-Legal, to be my lawful wedded husband, to have and to hold, and share my life with me, from this day forward, in whatever circumstances or experiences life may hold for us.

The Ring Exchange

Wedding rings are an outward symbol of the marriage vows you have made to each other today.

The circular shape of the wedding ring has always had significance from ancient cultures to the present as a symbol of wholeness and perfection, having no beginning, and no end.

Having exchanged these marriage vows,

Groom, 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.

Let Bride say after me: I accept this ring as a symbol of your love
and commitment

Now Bride, 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.

Let Groom say after me: I accept this ring as a symbol of your love
and commitment.

Groom and Bride, as important as this ceremony is, the foundation of your marriage was formed long before we ever came here today, and that is the love that you share.

Love is gentleness

Love is kindness

Love understands and love forgives.

It is loyal through good and bad

Love hopes for the future

Love is everlasting.

Love makes up for things that you may not have.

Without love, no matter what you have

It will never seem to be enough.

So, grow together in love

The best is yet to come

The Declaration

Groom and Bride you have consented in marriage, and have declared your solemn intention, before these witnesses and in my presence.

You have exchanged these rings as the pledge of your love to each other... And you have joined your hands to accept one another.

As you begin your marriage, let your home be a place of peace and happiness in an ever changing world. Let your relationship be one of complete truth, love and understanding between you both.

May you enjoy long lives, fulfill your hopes and dreams, feel content as you live day by day, keeping the promises you have made to one another today.

Let your love for one another be as enduring and timeless as these mountains that surround us.

Now upon the authority vested in me by the Province of Alberta, I happily pronounce that you are now 'husband and wife'.

You may seal your commitment with a kiss!

Signing of the Registration of Marriage

Groom's witness: name

Bride's witness: name

Marriage Commissioner: Patrick Smiley

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to present to you for the first time...

Mr. and Mrs. _____!

