

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-I will write a personal Love Story from information that you provide

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

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

4-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 come together not to mark the start of a relationship, but to acknowledge, strengthen and celebrate a bond that already exists between Bride and Groom.

This ceremony is a public affirmation of that bond and as their dearest family and friends, it is our honor and privilege to stand witness to this event.

Having found each other, Bride and Groom have built the kind of relationship that will serve them well as the foundation for their marriage.

They have chosen each one of you to be here with them to witness their wedding vows as they join together as husband and wife.

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.

Marriage means caring as much about the welfare and happiness of your marriage partner as about your own well-being. It is working together to create and sustain a home in which the marriage will flourish.

Marriage is a promise, a potential made in the hearts of two people who love each other and takes a lifetime to fulfill.

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

You can have this or any other reading

The Art of Marriage – Wilfred A Peterson

A good marriage must be created.

In the marriage, the little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say “I love you” at least once each day,

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is having a mutual sense of values and objectives.

It is standing together and facing the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.

**It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude
in thoughtful ways.**

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

**It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each person can
grow.**

It is not only marrying the right person

It is being the right partner.

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 to 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 to 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 times 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.**

**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.**

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 where your troubles will be less and your blessings will be more, and nothing but happiness comes through your door.

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 each other today.

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

Groom, you may now kiss your Bride!

Signing of the Registration of Marriage

Groom's Witness: Name

Bride's Witness: Name

Marriage Commissioner: Patrick Smiley

It is my pleasure to present to you for the first time...

Mr. and Mrs.!

