

## Enhanced Marriage Ceremony

We have come together into this place, which has been duly sanctioned according to law for the celebration of marriages, to witness the joining in matrimony of (Name) and (Name).

What is your full name?

(Name) and (Name) would like to thank you for coming to celebrate the beginning of their new life together. It means a great deal to them that you can be here today to share their happiness and to witness their marriage vows. The purpose of marriage is that you may always love, care for and support each other through the joys and sorrows of life. Marriage involves making a commitment for life, developing and maintaining co-operation, friendship and mutual respect.

(Name) and (Name) have found in each other happiness, fulfilment and love. As a consequence of this they now wish to offer each other the security which comes from legally binding vows, sincerely made and faithfully kept.

If any person knows of any lawful impediment to this marriage, you should now declare it.

Before you are joined in matrimony, I have to remind you of the solemn and binding character of the vows you are about to make to each other. Marriage according to the law of this country is the union of two people voluntarily entered into for life to the exclusion of all others.

These vows that unite you constitute a formal and public declaration of your love for each other. I am now going to ask each of you in turn to declare that you do not know of any lawful reason why you should not be married to each other.

**Groom/Bride to repeat.**

**I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I (name) may not be joined in matrimony to (name)**

Now the solemn moment has come for these two people to contract their marriage before you, their witnesses.

(Name) will you take (Name) to be your lawful wedded wife/husband? **"I Will"**  
Who gives Name to be married to Name? **I do**

**Groom/Bride to repeat.**

**I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (name) do take thee (name) to be my lawful wedded wife/husband, to love and to cherish for the rest of my life.**

We have now come to the exchange of rings, which is the traditional way of sealing the contract you have both made. The wedding ring is an unbroken circle: it has no beginning and no end. It symbolises unending and everlasting love and is an outward sign of the lifelong promise you have made to each other.

**Groom/Bride to repeat.**

**"I give you this ring as a token of my love and affection,  
and of the vows we have made.  
I promise to care for you with the love and friendship.  
To support and comfort you through the good times  
And through the troubled times.  
To respect and cherish you and to be faithful always.  
These promises I make to you for the rest of my life."**

(Name) and (Name), you have both made the declarations required by law, and you have made solemn and binding promises to each other in the presence of your family and friends gathered here today. You will look back upon this day with love and happiness, as the start of your new life together.

It now gives me great pleasure to declare that you are now joined in matrimony.