

Civil Marriage Ceremony: Script Option 1

Bold means the words spoken by the municipal representative.

Person No. 1

Person No. 2

This couple has come here today to be joined in marriage, which is the voluntary union of two persons to the exclusion of all others. If any person can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

(Municipal Clerk) to Person No. 1: Repeat after me, please:

"I (state your name) do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to (state Person No. 2's name)"

(Municipal Clerk) to Person No. 2: Repeat after me, please:

"I (state your name) do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to (state Person No. 1's name)"

Marriage is not a single event but rather a developing process which is not to be undertaken recklessly or irresponsibly but rather maturely and honestly. Marriage is the faithful union between two persons the result of which is the formation of a family unit whose members shall help, support, and enjoy each other in good times and in bad times. It is this relationship these two persons wish to have declared and celebrated.

Municipal Clerk to Person No. 1: Repeat after me please

"I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (state your name) do take you (state Person No. 2's name) to be my lawful wedded (wife, husband, spouse, or partner)

Municipal Clerk to Person No. 2: Repeat after me please

"I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (state your name) do take you (state Person No. 1's name) to be my lawful wedded (wife, husband, spouse, or partner)

Municipal Clerk to the 1st person: Have you a ring?

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together. Please place it on the third finger of (Person No. 2's) left hand saying after me. "With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honour and cherish thee and this ring shall be the symbol of my love."

If a double ring ceremony the 2nd person repeats the above.

I, (Clerk's Name), by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you (state names of persons to be married) to be husband and wife (or married). May you enjoy length of days, fulfillment of hopes and peace and contentment of mind, as you day by day live and fulfill the terms of the covenant you have made with one another.

