

Civil Marriage Ceremony: Script Option 2

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. The essence of this commitment is the taking of another person in his or her entirety as a lover, companion, and friend. It is therefore a decision not to be entered into lightly but rather with great consideration and respect for both the other person and oneself.

(Insert name of Person No. 1) and (insert name of Person No. 2) have invited us to share in this celebration as they affirm their love before us, pledge their faith to one another and enter in the joys and privilege of marriage. Love is one of the highest experiences we human beings can have, and it can add depth of meaning to our lives. The day-to-day companionship, the pleasure of doing things together or in doing separate things but exchanging experiences, is a continuous and central part of what two people who love each other can share.

Marriage was established that two people might have a lifelong companionship, that natural instincts and affections might be fulfilled in mutual love, that children should enjoy the security of family life, love and home.

Marriage symbolizes the intimate sharing of two lives, yet this sharing must not diminish but enhance the individuality of each partner. A happy marriage is one which is continually developing while growing in understanding of the other person. By growing together in love, it is possible to share not only the joys of life but the burdens of sorrow as well. (Insert name of Person No. 1) and (insert name of Person No. 2), your marriage is intended to join you in a relationship so intimate and personal, it will change your whole being. It offers you the hope and indeed the promise of a love that is true and mature.

To attain such love, you will have to commit yourselves to each other freely and gladly for the sake of a richer and deeper life together.

(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)"

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 Person No. 1: 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 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.

