

# MARRIAGE CEREMONY

## **Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!**

We have come here today to be witnesses of a very special event in the life of these two beautiful people \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - their marriage ceremony, and to rejoice with them.

## ***Address to the couple***

Marriage is one of the most challenging of human relationships. It requires patience, trust, honesty and above all else a sincere commitment on the part of two human beings to seek every deepening level of intimacy, love and understanding.

## ***The expression of intent and consent***

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?

Answer: Yes

Will you love and honour each other as husband and wife all the days of your lives?

Answer: Yes

## ***The Officiant talks about marriage, relationship, love and commitment***

Romance is fun, but true love is something far more and it is their desire to love each other for life and that is what we are celebrating here today.

A good marriage must be created.

In 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 a day.

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is standing together and facing the world.

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 can grow.

It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is not only marrying the right person -- it is being the right partner.

### ***Reading***

Love is always patient and kind. It is never jealous. Love is never boastful or conceited. It is never rude or selfish. It does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins, but delights in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, is always ready to excuse, to trust, to help, and to endure whatever comes. Love never ends!

### ***The exchange of marriage vows***

We now come to your vows. Will you know please turn and face each other and hold hands. Please look at each other.

Groom, please repeat after me:

I \_\_\_\_\_, choose you \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife, to share all of my life with you. It's responsibilities and its freedoms, it's tensions and its trials. It's joys and it's pleasures. To cherish, to love, to honour, and to respect. This is my heart's promise to you.

Bride, please repeat after me:

I \_\_\_\_\_, choose you \_\_\_\_\_, to be my husband, to share all of my life with you. It's responsibilities and its freedoms, it's tensions and its trials. It's joys and it's pleasures. To cherish, to love, to honour, and to respect. This is my heart's promise to you.

### ***The exchange of rings***

The wedding bands have a very important meaning in the life of a couple because they not only remind us of the life-long commitments we live by, but anyone who looks at our hand knows that we belong to another person and that special person lives in our heart.

Groom, please place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_'s hand and repeat after me:

\_\_\_\_\_, with all my love I give you this ring, a symbol of the vows we have made to each

other and as a token of my love.

Bride, please place this ring on \_\_\_\_\_'s hand and repeat after me:

\_\_\_\_\_, with all my love I give you this ring, a symbol of the vows we have made to each other and as a token of my love.

May these rings be for you a symbol of the unbroken circle of love. A love freely given that has no beginning and no end. May these rings remind you always of the promises you have made to each other today.

### ***Pronouncement***

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, in as much as you have declared your willingness to be united in marriage, and have signified the same by pledging yourselves to one another in the presence of these witnesses, by the joining of hands and by the exchange of rings; therefore, I by the power vested in me by his Majesty King Charles III, the government of the province of Ontario and the Marriage Act, am honoured and delighted to pronounce you husband and wife!

Congratulations!

You may seal your union with a kiss!

### ***Union candle ceremony or union sand ceremony (optional)***

### ***Signing the register and marriage license***

### ***Conclusion***

Because you have chosen a life together,

May your joy deepen!

May your wisdom increase!

May your passion for life and each other intensify!

May your compassion for yourselves and others expand!

May your support and gentleness towards each other grow!

May your generosity to yourselves, each other, and your community be enhanced!

May goodness abide with you always and may you flourish and prosper together!

I wish you a long life, happiness, prosperity and may the vows you have made to each other today sustain you forever!

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce to you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as husband and wife (or Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_).