



## CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY F

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Celebrant #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Celebrant #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**{Celebrant #1}** and **{Celebrant #2}** have chosen to invite  
you all here today to share with them as they promise their  
love to one another.

(as beautifully stated by Edmund O'Neil)

Marriage is a commitment to life... To the best that two  
people can find and bring out of each other. It offers  
opportunities for sharing and growth no other human  
relationship can equal, a physical and emotional joining that  
is promised for a lifetime. Within the circle of its love,

marriage encompasses all of life's most important relationships. Marriage partners are each others' best friend, confidant, lover, teacher, listener, and critic.

There may come times when one partner is heartbroken or ailing, and the love of the other may resemble the tender caring of a parent for a child. Marriage deepens and enriches every facet of life. Happiness is fuller memories are fresher, commitments are stronger, even anger is felt more strongly, and passes away more quickly.

Marriage understands and forgives the mistakes life is unable to avoid. It encourages and nurtures new life, new experiences, and new ways of expressing love through the seasons of life.

When two people pledge to love and care for each other in marriage, they create a spirit unique to themselves, which binds them closer than any spoken or written words.

## Declaration of Eligibility

{**Celebrant #1**} and {**Celebrant #2**}, before pledging yourselves to each other, you must first declare your willingness and ability to do so.

Officiant to {**Celebrant #1**}: Repeat after me, please.

"I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to {**Celebrant #2**}"

Officiant to {**Celebrant #2**}: Repeat after me, please.

"I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to {**Celebrant #1**}."

## Optional:

{Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

Do you give this couple your blessing this day and promise to honour and respect them in their marriage?}

“To Be One With Each Other” by George Eliot

What greater thing is there for two human souls than to feel that they are joined together to strengthen each other in all labor, to minister to each other in all sorrow, to share with each other in all gladness, to be one with each other in the silent unspoken memories?

## The Vows

**{Celebrant #1}**: (please repeat after me)

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, **{Celebrant #1}**, do take you **{Celebrant #2}**, to be my lawful wedded partner. I choose you to be my partner, loving what I know of you, and trusting what I do not yet know. I eagerly anticipate the chance to grow together, getting to know the **{woman/man}** you will become, and falling in love a little

more every day. I promise to love and cherish you through whatever life may bring us.

**{Celebrant #2}**: (please repeat after me)

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, **{Celebrant #2}**, do take you **{Celebrant #1}**, to be my lawful wedded partner. I choose you to be my partner, loving what I know of you, and trusting what I do not yet know. I eagerly anticipate the chance to grow together, getting to know the **{man/woman}** you will become, and falling in love a little more every day. I promise to love and cherish you through whatever life may bring us.

## The Rings

Officiant to **{Celebrant #1}**: placing the ring on the third finger of **{Celebrant #2}**'s left hand, please repeat after me:

**{Celebrant #2}**, I give you this ring as a symbol of my love. As it encircles your finger, may it remind you always that you are surrounded by my enduring love.

Officiant to **{Celebrant #2}**: Placing the ring on the third finger of **{Celebrant #1}**'s left hand, please repeat after me:

**{Celebrant #1}**, I give you this ring as a symbol of my love. As it encircles your finger, may it remind you always that you are surrounded by my enduring love.

May you wear your rings gladly, and whenever you look at them, may you remember this joyous day and the vows you've made.

## **The Declaration**

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

**{Celebrant #1}** and **{Celebrant #2}**, you have made your promise of love before us gathered here today, and as such it is my pleasure to state I, **{Officiant}**, with the Municipality of Clarington, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act do hereby pronounce you **{Celebrant #1}** and **{Celebrant #2}** to be married.

Congratulations **{Mr. & Mrs. Last Name}**!