



CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY E

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Celebrant #1 Name: _____

Celebrant #2 Name: _____

Marriage, is a special bond shared between two persons promising to be companions for a lifetime. Marriage is the exclusive physical, mental and spiritual union of two persons and it brings significant stability and substance to human relationships and creates a family foundation.

{Celebrant #1} and **{Celebrant #2}** have invited us here today to witness as they promise themselves to lifelong companionship through marriage.

Declaration of Eligibility

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?}

Hand Ceremony

{Celebrant #1} and **{Celebrant #2}** first join your right palms, and then your left palms. This forms an infinity symbol with your hands, which symbolizes a love that will go on forever.

These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever.

These are the hands that will work alongside your hands as together you build your future.

These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch will comfort you like no other.

These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief overwhelms you.

These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it.

These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children.

These are the hands that will help you to hold your family as one.

And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.

Our hope for you today is that both of you will use these hands to build a marriage where all your dreams come true.

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 **{wife/husband}**, my partner in life and my one true love. I will cherish our union and love you more each day than I did the day before. I will trust you and respect you, laugh with you and cry with you, loving you faithfully through good times and bad, regardless of the obstacles we may face together. I give you my hand, my heart, and my love, from this day forward for as long as we both shall live.

{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 **{husband/wife}** my partner in life and my

one true love. I will cherish our union and love you more each day than I did the day before. I will trust you and respect you, laugh with you and cry with you, loving you faithfully through good times and bad, regardless of the obstacles we may face together. I give you my hand, my heart, and my love, from this day forward for as long as we both shall live.

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 and faithfulness. As I place it on your finger, I commit my heart and soul to you. I ask you to wear this ring as a reminder of the vows we have spoken today, our wedding day.

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 and faithfulness. As I place it on your finger, I commit my heart and soul to you. I ask you to wear this ring as a reminder of the vows we have spoken today, our wedding day.

The Declaration

{Celebrant #1} and **{Celebrant #2}**, you have voluntarily declared your lifelong commitment to each other before those of us gathered here today, and as such it is my pleasure to state I, **{Officiant}**, by virtues 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}**!