

# *Marriage Ceremony - Husband & Wife*

## *Variation 1*

*On behalf of ..... and ....., I would like to welcome everyone here today to ..... to share with them in their wedding ceremony. Through their vows, they will be making a commitment to each other and through your presence here you are expressing your support for them.*

*My name is ..... and I am a Civil Celebrant appointed by the Registrar General for Scotland as a person authorised to solemnise civil marriages in accordance with the provisions of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977.*

*For ..... and ..... getting married today is a confirmation of the love, respect and friendship that they have for each other. They have chosen to affirm their relationship in this formal and public pledge and to offer to each other the security that comes from legally binding vows, sincerely made and faithfully kept.*

*Before I proceed with this civil marriage ceremony it is necessary that you should both identify yourselves by answering the following questions:-*

**Groom** - Are you .....

**Bride** – Are you .....

*We are now gathered here in order that I may solemnise your marriage in the presence of these two witnesses and in accordance with the law of Scotland and I confirm that the requirements of that law preliminary to your marriage have been satisfied.*

*Before you, ....., and you ....., are joined in marriage it is my duty to remind you of the binding character of the vows you are about to make. Marriage according to the law of this country is a union of two people, voluntarily entered into for life, to the exclusion of all others.*

*I now require that you make a declaration accepting each other as husband and wife.*

*Bride and Groom joining right hands and repeat after the Registrar:-*

<b>Vows</b> (Groom then Bride)	I ..... solemnly and sincerely declare, that I know of no legal impediment to my marrying .....
-----------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

*Bride and Groom face each other joining both hands together and repeat after Registrar:-*

<p><b>Vows</b> (Groom then Bride)</p>	<p><i>I ..... accept you ..... as my lawful wedded husband/wife, To have and to hold from this day forward, For better for worse, For richer for poorer, In sickness and in health, To love and to cherish to the exclusion of all others, For as long as we both shall live.</i></p>
-------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

### **Exchange of RINGS**

*..... and ..... you are now going to exchange rings, this being the traditional way of sealing the vows you have just made. The wedding ring is an unbroken circle symbolising unending and everlasting love and is the outward sign of the lifelong promises you have just made to each other.*

*Groom places ring on Bride's third finger of her left hand and repeats after Registrar*

<p><b>GROOM</b></p>	<p><i>....., I give you this ring as a seal to our marriage, let its constant embrace be the symbol of my love for you. All that I am I give to you, All that I have, I share with with you. I promise to love you, cherish and respect you, And to be faithful and loyal to you, today and always</i></p>
---------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

*Bride places ring on Groom's third finger of her left hand and repeats after Registrar*

<p><b>BRIDE</b></p>	<p><i>....., I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage. It is my promise that I will love you always. I will be there for you in good times and bad and will support you in everything you do. And I will be faithful to you for so long as we both shall live.</i></p>
---------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

*..... and ..... you have today made the declarations which are prescribed by law, and a solemn and binding contract with each other. May you always love, honour and cherish one another. May nothing ever part you, and may you live full and rich lives together.*

*And now, by virtue of the declarations made by you both, in my presence and in the presence of these witnesses, it is my privilege and pleasure to pronounce you husband and wife.*