

Marriage Ceremony - Partners

Variation 2

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:-

Partner 1 - *Are you*

Partner 2 - *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 in marriage.

Partner 1 and Partner 2 joining right hands and repeat after the Registrar:-

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| Vows <i>(Partner 1 then partner 2)</i> | <i>I solemnly and sincerely declare, that I know of no legal impediment to my marrying</i> |
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Partner 1 and Partner 2 face each other joining both hands together and repeat after Registrar:-

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| Vows <i>(Partner 1 then partner 2)</i> | <i>I accept you in marriage, 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> |
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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.

....., would you like to take ring and place it on the third finger of the left hand.

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| Vows <i>(Partner 1 then Partner 2)</i> | <i>I give you this ring as a token of my love and affection.</i> |
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..... and you have made here today the declarations that are prescribed by law, and a solemn and binding contract with each other. You have sealed that contract with the giving and receiving of rings, and, 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 declare you are married.