

Bride:

I call upon these persons here present // to witness that I
[Bride' full name] // do take you [Groom's full name] // to be
my lawful wedded husband. //

To have and to hold from this day forward;/ for better, for
worse,/ for richer, for poorer, / in sickness and in health,/ to
love, cherish, and support, / till death us do part, / according
to Gods holy law, /and before God I make this solemn vow.

Before they give their vows to each other I would ask if
there is anyone present who knows a reason why
[Groom's first name only] and [Bride's first name only]
may not lawfully marry, to declare it now.

Address Groom

I do solemnly declare // that I know not // of any lawful
impediment // why I, [Groom's full name] // may not be
joined in matrimony // to [Bride's full name]

Address Bride

I do solemnly declare // that I know not // of any lawful
impediment // why I [Bride's full name] // may not be
joined in matrimony // to [Groom's full name]

ADDRESS Groom:

[Groom's first name only], will you take [Bride's first name only] to be your wife? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

HE ANSWERS - 'I will'

ADDRESS Bride:

[Bride's first name only], will you take [Groom's first name only] to be your husband? Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him, and forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

SHE ANSWERS - 'I will'

ASK BRIDE'S FATHER (this part may be omitted)

Who gives [Bride's first name only] to be married to [Groom's first name only]? - **Father responds:** 'I do'

Bride and groom face each and can hold hands.

Groom:

I call upon these persons here present // to witness that I [Groom's full name] // do take you [Bride's full name] // to be my lawful wedded 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, cherish and protect,/ till death us do part,/ according to God's holy law,/ and before God I make this solemn vow.

RINGS:

Groom

[Bride's first name only], I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Bride:

[Groom's first name only], I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The couple join their right hands together (elder lays hand upon theirs).

ELDER - 'Those whom God has joined together let no one separate.' - PRAY

ADDRESS CONGREGATION

In the presence of God and before you all, [Groom's first name only] and [Bride's first name only] have given their consent and made their marriage vows to each other. They have declared their marriage by the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings. I therefore proclaim that they are husband and wife, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN!

[Groom's first name only] you may kiss your bride!

The Wedding of

[Groom's full name] & [Bride's full name]

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding.

This booklet is the master copy of how the ceremony will be conducted. It contains the words that **MUST** be said and the vows that you can write your selves.

Text in black **MUST** remain in the ceremony – they contain legal requirements of the marriage vows.

Text in blue, or indicated by a comment in blue, may be changed by you – these are you personalised vows you wish to say to your intended spouse. The examples given are as a suggestion for Christian marriage.

Once you have written your vows, you will need to meet with the Pastor presiding over your wedding to discuss them.

Note: This first page and any blank pages will be filled with the notes of the person conducting the wedding. This document will only be seen and used by the person conducting the wedding ceremony.