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Note: (Mandatory statements are in brackets)

SOLEMNIZER:

_____ and _____ have come here today to be joined in marriage. The essence of this commitment is the taking of another person in his or her entirety as a lover, a companion, and a friend. It is therefore a decision not to be entered into lightly but rather with great consideration and respect for both the other person and oneself.

_____ and _____ have invited us to share in this celebration as they affirm their love before us, pledge their faith to one another, and enter into the joys and privileges of marriage. Love is one of the highest experiences we human beings can have and it can add depth of meaning to our lives. The day-to-day companionship, the pleasure in doing things together, or in doing separate things but exchanging experiences, is a continuous and central part of what two people who love each other can share.

Marriage was established that two people might have life-long companionship, that natural instincts and affections might be fulfilled in mutual love, and that children should enjoy the security of family life, love and home.

Marriage symbolizes the intimate sharing of two lives, yet this sharing must not diminish but enhance the individuality of each partner. A happy marriage is one that is continually developing while growing in understanding of the other person. By growing together in love, it is possible to share not only the joys of life but also the burdens of sorrow.

_____ and _____, your marriage is intended to join you in a relationship so intimate and personal it will change your whole being. It offers you the hope, and indeed the promise, of a love that is true and mature. To attain such love, you will have to commit yourselves to each other freely and gladly for the sake of a richer and deeper life together.

If there is anyone present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be joined in matrimony, they should now declare it or hereafter remain silent.

_____, please repeat after me:

(I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, _____, may not be joined in matrimony to _____.)

_____, please repeat after me:

(I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, _____, may not be joined in matrimony to _____.)

Please face each other and join hands.

_____, please repeat after me:

(I call upon these persons, here present, to witness that I,

_____, **do take you, _____, to be my**

lawful wedded [wife/spouse/partner].) To laugh with you in joy, to grieve with you in sorrow, to grow with you in love, and to be faithful to you alone, as long as we both shall live.

_____, please repeat after me:

(I call upon these persons, here present, to witness that I, _____,

do take you, _____, to be my lawful wedded

[husband/spouse/partner].) To laugh with you in joy, to grieve with you in sorrow, to grow with you in love, and to be faithful to you alone, as long as we both shall live.

May I please have the rings?

_____, place this ring on _____ finger, hold it there and say these words to her/him:

With this ring I thee wed. I shall love, honour and cherish thee, and this ring is the symbol of my love. From this day forward you shall not walk alone.

_____, place this ring on _____ finger, hold it there and say these words to him/her:

With this ring I thee wed. I shall love, honour and cherish thee, and this ring is the symbol of my love. From this day forward you shall not walk alone.

SOLEMNIZER:

(I, _____, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, hereby pronounce you, _____ and _____, to be married.)

May you enjoy length of days, fulfillment of hopes, and peace and contentment of mind, as you day by day live and fulfill the terms of this covenant you have made with one another.

You may celebrate your marriage with a kiss

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