

*Wedding Ceremony
For
Person1 & Person2*

Celebrant:

Welcome everyone. We are gathered here today to witness the coming together of two people, Person1 and Person2, whose hearts and spirits are entwined as one. They now desire to profess before all the world their intention henceforth to walk the road of life together.

To these two people this marriage signifies the birth of a new spirit, a spirit which is a part of each of us, yet not any one of us alone. This "birth of spirit" reminds us of spring, the season when all life is reborn and blooms again. It is appropriate, therefore, that this wedding of Person1 and Person2 be in the sunshine, and that it be in a garden, under the open sky, where we are close to the earth and to the unity of life, the totality of living things of which we are part.

I am duly authorized by law to solemnize marriages according to law. Before you are joined in marriage in my presence and in the presence of these witnesses, I am to remind you of the solemn and binding nature of the relationship into which you are now about to enter. Marriage, according to law in Australia, is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

Love and joy will grow when you nourish them together. Stand fast with confidence, have faith in your shared destiny, just as strongly as you have faith in yourselves, and in one another today. With this spirit can you forge a union that will strengthen and endure always.

Celebrant to Bride:

Do you Person1 knowing this man's love for you and returning it, realizing his strengths and learning from them, recognizing his weaknesses and helping him to overcome them, take Person2 to be you lawfully wedded husband?

Bride:

I do.

Celebrant to Groom:

Do you Person2, knowing this woman's love for you and returning it, realizing her strengths and learning from them, recognizing her weaknesses and helping her to overcome them, take Person1 to be you lawfully wedded wife?

Groom:

I do.

Ring Ceremony:

Celebrant:

*Person2, please place the ring on Person1's finger and say after me:
Person1, may this ring forever be to you the symbol of my growing love*

*Person1, please place the ring on Person2's finger and say after me:
Person2, may this ring forever be to you the symbol of my growing love*

Celebrant:

Let these rings serve as locks – not binding you together – but as keys, unlocking the secrets of your hearts for each other to know, and thus bringing you closer together, forever.

And now Person1 and Person2, seeking the fulfillment of love and marriage, find that the prophet Gibran speaks for them.

*Love has no other desire but to fulfill itself
To wake at dawn and give thanks for another day filled with love
To rest at the noon hour and meditate with love's ecstasy;
To return home eventide and then sleep with a prayer
For the beloved in your heart and a song of praise upon your lips"*

Person1 and Person2, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

We will now sign the register.