

CANDLE CEREMONY

SOLOMNIZER:

Friends, we have been invited here today to share with (Person #1) and (Person #2) a very important moment in their lives. In the time they have been together, their love and understanding of each other has grown and matured, and now they have decided to live their lives together as husband and wife.

Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens. A good marriage must be created. In marriage, the little things are the big things. It is never being too old to hold hands; it is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day; it is never going to sleep angry; it is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives; it is forming a circle of love that gathers the whole family; it is speaking of appreciation, and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways; it is having the capacity to forgive and forget; it is not only marrying the right partner, it is being the right partner.

REPEAT (Person #1)

"I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to (Person #2)"

REPEAT (Person #2)

"I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to (Person #1)."

REPEAT (Person #1)

"I call upon these persons here present, to witness that I, (Person #1) do take you (Person #2) to be my lawful wedded wife."

REPEAT (Person #2)

"I call upon these persons here present, to witness that I, (Person #2) do take you (Person #1) to be my lawful wedded wife."

(Person #1) and (Person #2), now we come to your vows. May I remind you that saying your vows is one thing but nothing is more challenging than living them day by day. What you promise today must be renewed tomorrow and each day that stretches out before you. Will you now please turn and face each other, holding hands, looking into each other's eyes and hearts while reciting your vows.

(Person #1) repeat after me, please, "I promise to love you unconditionally, to support you, to honour and respect you, to be your constant friend and faithful lover."

(Person #2) repeat after me, please, "I promise to love you unconditionally, to support you, to honour and respect you, to be your constant friend and faithful lover."

Make provision for ring bearer

These rings are a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your lives together. They will seal the love you already have for each other and carry you into the future as (husband and wife/partners in life), as lovers, as family, and as a continuation of being best friends of each other.

SOLEMNIZER to Person #1

Please place the ring on the third finger of (Person #2)'s left hand, saying after me: "I give you, (Person #2) this ring as a symbol of my love. Let it be a constant reminder of our commitment to each other from this day forward for as long as we both shall live."

SOLEMNIZER to Person #2

Please place the ring on the third finger of (Person #1)'s left hand, saying after me: "I give you (Person #1) this ring as a symbol of my love. Let it be a constant reminder of our commitment to each other from this day forward for as long as we both shall live."

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At this time we will have the lighting of the unity candle. Will (A) and (B), the mothers of our bride and groom please come to the front to light candles representing the separate families and pasts from which the bride and groom have come today to be joined together as one?

Before (Person #1) and (Person #2) light their wedding candle, allow me to explain the symbolism behind these candles. (Person #1) and (Person #2) come into their marriage as individuals and they do not lose their identity rather they use their individuality to create and strengthen the relationship of marriage. Therefore, the three candles will remain lit, one for each of them and one for their marriage.

(Person #1) and (Person #2) please light your candle. And I would ask that you now both light the remaining candle as a symbol of your commitment to each other and to a lasting and loving marriage.

May the love that you feel and share today continue to grow deeper and stronger all the days of your lives. Having declared yourselves to each other among your families and friends, I (Solemnizer), by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you (Person #1) and (Person #2) to be (husband and wife/married as partners in life)

(you may kiss)

(After signing the Register, Solemnizer announces) May I introduce to you the married couple.