



Marriage Ceremony

Bride
Groom

Day/Date/Time

Venue
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Wedding Party (*Possible*)

Bride	Name
Groom	Name
Celebrant	Paul Mott
Mother of Bride	Name
Father of Bride	Name
Mother of Groom	Name
Maid of Honor	Name
Bridesmaids	1 or more Names
Best Man	Name
Groomsmen	1 or more Names
Flower Girls	1 or more Names
Ring Bearer	Name
Witnesses (2)	2 Names
Readings	Names

Bridal Processional

Music as guests are gathering (such as): Netzwerk (falls like rain) - Klangkarussell You and me (Flume remix) - Disclosure, Hyperparadise (Flume remix) - Hermitude Crave you - Flight Facilities, Latch - Disclosure, Sam Smith, Ghostwriter - RJD2

Music to announce bridal procession: You are the sunshine of my life - Stevie Wonder

Bride & Father enter down center aisle.

Father lifts veil, kisses Bride and hands Bride to Groom

Father shakes Groom's hand. Bride & Groom then stand facing the guests

Welcome

Paul

Good afternoon. My name is Paul Mott and I am an Authorized Civil Marriage Celebrant. On behalf of *(Names of Bride & Groom)*, I welcome this gathering of family and friends to share in their very special day.

We are here not only to witness Names of Bride & Groom's commitment, but also to wish *(Names of Bride & Groom)* well and every happiness in their married lives together. *(Names of Bride & Groom)*, may your lives together enable you to maintain a home where there will be love and stability, a base from which the influence of your shared lives extends to your family and friends who will find in your home a welcome, peace and support.

Ring Warming Ceremony *(as an example of something that can be included)*

Paul During this ceremony *(Names of Bride & Groom)* will exchange rings as a symbol of the affectionate unity of their two lives that will be joined into one in understanding, compassion, love and peace in the sanctuary of their marriage and as visible signs of their commitment to one another.

As this ceremony proceeds we ask that everyone take part in the warming of the rings. We ask that you, their family and friends silently wish them health and happiness in lives. The rings will be passed around as we continue and *(Names of Bride & Groom)* ask that you hold them for a moment, warm them with your love, voice a silent wish or blessing for them in their marriage and their future together, then pass the rings on to the next person.

When these rings come back to *(say) Best Man or Maid of Honor* they will contain, in their precious metal, that which is more precious, that which is priceless: your love and hope and pledge of support for this marriage.

First Reading (*Example*)

Paul I now invite (*Name & relationship to Bride & Groom*) to come forward to share a reading on marriage in Kahlil Gibran's 'The Prophet'

You were born together, and together you shall be for evermore.
You shall be together when the white wings of death scatter your days.
You shall be together even in the silent memory of God.
But let there be spaces in your togetherness.
And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.

Love one another, but make not a bond of love:
Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your soul.
Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.
Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.
Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone,
Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.

Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.
For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.
And stand together yet not too near together:
For the pillars of the temple stand apart,
And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow.

Second Reading

Paul I now invite (*Name & relationship to Bride & Groom*) to come forward to speak to us of love from Corinthians

Love is patient, love is kind,
It does not envy, it does not boast,
It is not proud. It is not rude,
It is not self-seeking,
It is not easily angered,
It keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil
But rejoices with the truth
It always protects, always trusts,
Always hopes, always perseveres,
Love never fails.

Monitum

Paul As an Authorized Civil Marriage Celebrant, I am duly authorized by law to solemnize marriages, according to the law.

Before you (**Bride**), and you (**Groom**) 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, and is voluntarily entered into for life.

These are the words that announce that through the **Asking** by (**Names of Bride & Groom**) the **Vows** they exchange, the **Exchanging of Rings** and the **Signing of their Marriage Certificates** that (**Names of Bride & Groom**) will be married. Before proceeding, I would like to invite (**Name & relationship to Bride & Groom**), whose reading by Carl Sagan, will speak to us of the wonder of us all and how marriage is such an integral part of our lives.

Third Reading

Name & relationship to Bride & Groom

Our little planet floats like a mote of dust in the morning sky. All that you see, all that we can see, exploded out of a star billions of years ago, and the particles slowly arranged themselves into living things, including all of us. We are made of star stuff. We are the mechanism by which the universe can comprehend itself. The world is so exquisite with so much love and moral depth. We should remain grateful every day for the brief but magnificent opportunity that life provides.

The sum of all our evolution, our thinking and our accomplishments is love. A marriage makes two fractional lives a whole. It gives two questioning natures a renewed reason for living. It brings a new gladness to the sunshine, a new fragrance to the flowers, a new beauty to the earth, and a new mystery to life.

The Asking

I will move forward to stand close to both of you and will ask you to hold hands, repeating your vows (after me).

Paul **Groom**, will you have **Bride** as your wife, to live together in matrimony? Will you love her, cherish her, honor and protect her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her, as long as you both shall live?

Groom I will

Paul **Bride**, will you have **Groom** as your husband, to live together in matrimony? Will you love him, cherish him, honor and protect him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him, as long as you both shall live?

Bride I will

The Vows

I will move forward to stand close to both of you and will ask you to hold hands, repeating your vows (after me).

Groom I call upon the persons here present to witness
That I, (**Full Name of Groom**), take you, (**Full Name of Bride**),
As my lawful wedded wife,
My faithful partner and my love from this day forward.
I promise to be your rock and your best friend.
I promise to make you laugh everyday, especially on the tough days.
To share our lives, to grow together, and become old together,
I look forward to learning more about the world from you.
I promise to challenge you to follow your dreams, be there to share in
your successes and happiness, and to help you through the challenges and
tears that our life together will throw at us.
I promise to love every part of you, even when you are a kitchen nazi.
I promise to accept you the way you are.
And to love and cherish you until the end of time.

Bride I call upon the persons here present to witness
That I, (**Full Name of Bride**), take you, (**Full Name of Groom**),
As my lawful wedded husband,
My faithful partner and my love from this day forward.
I promise to be your rock and your best friend.
I promise to make you laugh everyday, especially on the tough days.
To share our lives, to grow together, and become old together,
I look forward to learning more about the world from you.
I promise to challenge you to follow your dreams, be there to share in
your successes and happiness, and to help you through the challenges and
tears that our life together will throw at us.
I promise to love every part of you, even the part that sometimes wants
to play video games all day.
I promise to accept you the way you are.
And to love and cherish you until the end of time.

Ring Exchange

Paul **Groom** what symbol do you have as a pledge of your vows?

Groom This ring

***Groom** holds the ring near the third finger of **Bride's** left hand saying after Paul*

***Bride**, with this ring I thee wed.*

With all that I am and all that I have, I honor and love you. Wear this ring as a symbol of my love.

*When the words are finished **Groom** slides the ring onto **Bride's** finger*

Paul **Bride**, what symbol do you have as a pledge of your vows?

Bride This ring.

***Bride** holds the ring near the third finger of **Groom's** left hand saying after Paul*

***Groom**, with this ring I thee wed.*

With all that I am and all that I have, I honor and love you. Wear this ring as a symbol of my love.

*When the words are finished **Bride** slides the ring onto **Groom's** finger*

Declaration of Marriage

Paul We have been privileged to share with **(Names of Bride & Groom)** their expression the deep and loving commitment to each other in marriage. By their making of special promises, the making of vows and the exchanging of rings they have now entered a new and wonderful part of their lives.

It is my great pleasure to congratulate you both and declare you are now husband and wife.

(Names of Bride & Groom), I invite you to share your first kiss as husband and wife.

Signing of Certificates

Paul **(Names of Bride & Groom)** and their two witnesses will now go inside to sign the Marriage Certificates and Marriage Registration Register.

Signing of 1) Marriage Certificate, 2) Marriage Registration Certificate and 3) Marriage Registration Register

*All this love - The Similou
Feel so Close - Calvin Harris*

Presentation of Marriage Certificate

Paul Congratulations **(Names of Bride & Groom)**, and I invite everyone to offer their personal congratulations throughout the afternoon and evening.

(Names of Bride & Groom) would like everyone to be included in a group photo. I will now hand you over to **Organizer** who will instruct you

Thank you, everyone for bearing witness to **(Names of Bride & Groom)** marriage.

Music to walk back down the aisle - Sunshine - Flight Facilities