

My charge to you now is this: Keep the solemn vows you have made to each other this day. Live with tender consideration one to another, conduct your lives in honesty and with truth. If you do this, your marriage will last, your home will endure. The marriage vows you have made to each other this day will be a blessing unto you and you in turn will be a blessing to others.

CELTIC WEDDING BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your fields. May the light of friendship guide your path together. May the laughter of children grace the halls of your home. May the joy of living one for another trip a smile from your lips and a twinkle from your eye. And when eternity beckons at the end of a life heaped high with love, may the good Lord embrace you with the arms that have nurtured you the whole length of your joy-filled days. May the gracious God hold you both in the palm of His hands. And today, may the Spirit of love find a dwelling place in your hearts. Amen.

SIGNING THE REGISTRY

Now therefore, whom God has joined together, let not anyone put asunder.

DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

GROOM & BRIDE: Since you have pledged your mutual vows to each other this day, by the authority vested in me by the province of Ontario and Emmanuel Fellowship Inc. it is now my pleasure to pronounce you husband and wife together.

You may now kiss the bride!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: It gives me great pleasure to present to you, MR. & MRS.



The Wedding Vows of Bride and Groom



Date

Location



Dear Friends; we have come together on this day in the presence of this assembly to witness the marriage of GROOM & BRIDE and to celebrate with them.

Marriage is the opportunity for two people to come together as individuals, free to be who they are in every sense and yet also to gain the absolute comfort and acceptance of an intimate partnership. This union enriches and strengthens each partner. In marriage they can face the world together, strong with the strength of two, wise with the wisdom of two and brave with the courage of two.

The challenge and joy of marriage is in this mutual enrichment: mental, physical and spiritual; the give and take between two personalities. Marriage is a life-long lesson, a dynamic changing entity and it is the responsibility of each partner to grow and change with it, secure in the knowledge that one thing is always constant: the love they have for each other.

GROOM & BRIDE, you are about to enter into a union which is most sacred and serious, requiring of those who enter into it a complete and unreserved giving of self. It will bind you together in a relationship so close and so intimate it will profoundly affect your whole life.

The future, with its hopes and disappointments, its successes and failures, its pleasures and pains, its joys and its sorrows is hidden from your eyes. Love can make it easy. Perfect love can make it a joy. May then, this love with which you join your hands and hearts today, never fail but grow stronger and deeper as the years go by.

In the quiet of this moment, we pause to give thanks for all the rich experiences that have brought you to this high point in your lives.

We are grateful for the love, support and values that have come from family and friends along life's way. We are grateful for the values you have found by your own striving. Now, as you make your promises to each other, make them with the deepest insight into their meaning and with your fullest sincerity.

May this be the beginning of a relationship that will grow and mature with each passing year until the latter days become more wonderful than the first.

Moreover, I charge you both, that if either of you know any reason or impediment why you may not lawfully be joined in marriage, that you declare it now.

THE WEDDING VOWS

GROOM, Do you give yourself to BRIDE to be her husband? Do you promise to love her, comfort her, honour her, cherish her, seek to understand her and forsaking all others be faithful to her alone for as long as you both shall live?

GROOM to answer: "I do"

BRIDE, Do you give yourself to GROOM to be his wife? Do you promise to love him, comfort him, honour him, respect him, seek to understand him and forsaking all others be faithful to him alone for as long as you both shall live?

BRIDE to answer: "I do."

Please repeat after me...

I, GROOM take thee BRIDE, to be my 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 and to cherish; you and no other.

As God is my witness, I give you my promise.

I, BRIDE take thee GROOM, to be my 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 and to cherish; you and no other.

As God is my witness, I give you my promise.

GROOM & BRIDE, it is written, love is patient and love is kind. Love is not jealous, does not boast and is not arrogant. Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness but rejoices with truth. Love bears all things, hopes all things, believes all things, endures all things... love never fails. And with this unfailing love in your hearts today, you have chosen to seal these vows with the exchanging of rings.

GROOM: BRIDE, with this ring, I thee wed. May this be a symbol of my everlasting love and devotion to you.

BRIDE: GROOM, with this ring, I thee wed. May this be a symbol of my everlasting love and devotion to you.

GROOM & BRIDE, may these rings be blessed and continue to you both to be symbols of the values and constancy of true wedded love to each other this day. And as these rings are round, unbroken circles with no ending, so let your love be to each other. And in the days to come, may these rings remind you of the overwhelming joy of this special occasion when you were united in marriage this day.