

Ceremony Format



INTRODUCTION

Celebrant: I will welcome your guests and touch on the bond between the couple, which has brought them to this day and their unity.

THE GIVING AWAY

Optional: Usually a role performed by a family member, however other variations are often used, such as both parents, an older brother as a representative of the father and many more.

A READING OR POEM

Celebrant, family member or friend: Something special chosen by you to be read to set the mood of your ceremony.

CEREMONY RITUAL

Optional: There are all sorts of ceremony rituals that can be incorporated into the ceremony. These can symbolise aspects of the bond between the couple. Some rituals are religious, some have historic significance and others are unique to the couple's journey to this point and their future.

THE ASKING ("I Do")

Celebrant: It is essential that within either the asking or the vows that the couple take each other or reaffirm each other as partner for life.

THE VOWS

Couple: This is where the couple exchange their vows and express or reaffirm their lifetime commitment and make a promise to one another.

RING CEREMONY

Couple: The exchange of rings with some personal words by the couple.

DECLARATION / KISS

Celebrant: Seal the commitment / renewal of vows with a kiss, there are other options for this declaration.

SIGNING OF THE CERTIFICATE

Celebrant: At this stage I will ask the guests to sit quietly while the couple and the two witnesses sign the commitment / renewal of vows certificate.

CONCLUSION

Celebrant: Introduce the couple, present the certificate and close the ceremony.



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