

# Sample Ceremony

*She hopes that couples find it a useful, workable model from which to build their own ceremony.*

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## **Sample Ceremony Marie & Peter**

### **Introduction**

This is the time that Marie & Peter have chosen to become husband and wife. We are here not only to witness their commitment to each other but also to wish them well and every happiness for their life together.

Within its framework of commitment and loyalty marriage enables the establishment of the tolerance, patience and respect, which you both have for each other, to sustain a deep and long lasting relationship.

We who are witnessing your marriage hope that despite the stresses inevitable in any life, your love and support of each other, and your trust and understanding of each other, will heighten your contentment and your joy in living.

### **Reading**

Marie & Peter , the first reading you have chosen is called Today.

Today I marry my friend. The one I have laughed with & cried with. The one I have learned from & shared with. The one I have chosen to support, encourage & give myself to through all the days given us to share.

### **Monitum from the Marriage Act.**

I, Janet Iwanow, civil celebrant....

### **Giving Away / Presentation of the bride.**

Who presents this woman to be married to this man?

("I do")

### **The Asking**

Marie & Peter, If it is your intention to share your life together in marriage, then with your promises, now bind yourselves to each other as husband and wife.

Peter, will you give yourself to Marie, to be her husband, to live together in marriage, to love, comfort and protect her, & forsaking all others keep only unto her as long as you both shall live?

('I will')

Marie will you give yourself to Peter, to be his wife, to live together in marriage, to love, comfort & protect him, & forsaking all others, keep only unto him as long as you both shall live.

('I will')

### **Affirmation by the Guests.**

Will you the family & friends of Marie & Peter promise to support and uphold this marriage, sustaining them in their struggles and rejoicing with them in the happiness of their new life together? ('We will')

**Vows**

Marie & Peter, please join hands.

Peter, repeat after me.

I, Peter take you Marie, to be my lawful wife.  
All that I am I give to you,  
And all that I have, I share with you.  
Whatever the future holds,  
I will love & stand by you,  
As long as we both shall live.

Marie, repeat after me.

I Marie, take you Peter, to be my lawful husband.  
All that I am I give to you,  
And all that I have, I share with you.  
Whatever the future holds,  
I will love you and stand by you,  
As long as we both shall live.

**Ring Ceremony**

Are their rings to further seal this marriage?  
(Person with the rings hands them to the celebrant)

Peter, as you place the ring on Marie's finger, repeat after me.

With this ring I thee wed.  
Take and wear it as a pledge of my love,  
And as a symbol of all we share.

Marie, as you place this ring on Peter's finger, repeat after me.

With this ring I thee wed.  
Take & wear it as a pledge of my love,  
And as a symbol of all we share.

**Reading**

Marie & Peter, the final reading you have chosen is called "If We Wanted To....."

Our love is strengthened by knowing  
that each of us could survive on our own,  
if we wanted to....  
But realising that more than anything,  
we choose to be together.

**Declaration of Marriage**

By the power invested in me, I now declare you to be husband and wife.

Peter, you may kiss your bride.

**Congratulations to the Bride & Groom**

Ladies & Gentlemen, please join with me in congratulating Marie & Peter.