

## **WELCOME:**

Welcome to all of you to this very special day...

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #1) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #2), I would like to welcome you here today to share with them in this wedding ceremony. Through this ceremony and their vows, they are making a commitment to each other, and through your presence here, you are expressing your support for them.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

We are gathered here today, amidst the beauty and the splendour of the Canadian Rockies to witness the formal joining of \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #1) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #2) in the legal state of matrimony.

When two people love one another, enter into marriage, it creates a bond so close, it becomes more than two bodies, two hearts, and two minds.

It is the joining of two souls into one that has perfect understanding and commitment.

You are to be married according to the orders, customs, and the authority granted by the Province of Alberta.

According to the law, each participant is equal and supports the common rights of one another in the marriage.

Marriage is not just a ceremony here today; it is a commitment for life.

Therefore, it is to be entered into with great thought, emotion, and responsibility.

There is a desire for lifelong companionship.

Couples will support and comfort each other, through the changing experiences of life.

May you laugh together in joy, grieve together in sorrow, and grow together in love.

Marriage means caring as much about the welfare and happiness of your marriage partner as about your own well-being.

Marriage also means working together to create and sustain a home in which the marriage may flourish.

It is with this understanding, \_\_\_\_\_(Spouse #1) and \_\_\_\_\_(Spouse #2) wish to be joined in marriage.

### **THEREFORE:**

I now call upon you both in the presence of these witnesses, to repeat after me:

Spouse #1 please repeat after me:

*I do solemnly declare, that I do not know of, any lawful impediment why, I, \_\_\_\_\_(Spouse #1 – Legal Full Name) may not be joined in matrimony to \_\_\_\_\_(Spouse #2 – Legal Full Name)*

Spouse #2 please repeat after me:

*I do solemnly declare, that I do not know of, any lawful impediment why, I, \_\_\_\_\_(Spouse #2 – Legal Full Name) may not be joined in matrimony to \_\_\_\_\_(Spouse #1 – Legal Full Name)*

*\*script highlighted in RED cannot be changed as per government regulations*

### **PROMISES:**

I now ask that you give answers to these questions:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #1) Do you promise to give to \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #2) the love of your person, the comfort of your companionship, and the patience of your understanding?

Spouse #1 Answer: I DO

Will you share with her equally the necessities of life as they may be earned or enjoyed by yourself; and to respect the dignity of her own personal rights?

Spouse #1 Answer: I DO

\_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #2) Do you promise to give to \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #1) the love of your person, the comfort of your companionship, and the patience of your understanding?

Spouse #2 Answer: I DO

Will you share with him equally the necessities of life as they may be earned or enjoyed by yourself; and to respect the dignity of his own personal rights?

Spouse #2 Answer: I DO

## **THE MARRIAGE VOWS:**

Spouse #1 please repeat after me:

*I call upon those persons present, to witness that I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #1- Legal Full Name), do take you, \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #2 – Legal Full Name) to be my lawful wedded (wife/husband/spouse), to have and to hold, from this day forward, in whatever circumstances or experiences life may hold for us.*

Spouse #2 please repeat after me:

*I call upon those persons present to witness that I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #2- Legal), do take you, \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #1 - Legal), to be my lawful wedded (wife/husband/spouse), to have and to hold, from this day forward, in whatever circumstances or experiences life may hold for us.*

## **THE RING EXCHANGE:**

Your wedding rings are a symbol of the marriage vows and promises that you have made to each other today.

They represent an unbroken circle of eternal love with no beginning, and no end.

Having exchanged these marriage vows...

Spouse #1, place the ring on the third finger of Spouse #2's left hand, repeating after me:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #2), I give you this ring, that you may wear it, as a lasting reminder of our marriage vows, and as a symbol of my love and commitment to you.

Spouse #2, place the ring on the third finger of Spouse #1's left hand, repeating after me:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #1), I give you this ring, that you may wear it, as a lasting reminder of our marriage vows, and as a symbol of my love and commitment to you.

Wear these rings proudly as they are symbols of your love for each other. Please keep holding hands as I take a moment to read a:

### **Gift of the Hands by Unknown**

These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever.

These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future.

These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no other.

These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind.

These are the hands that will countless times, wipe the tears from your eyes, tears of sorrow and joy.

These are the hands that will hold your family as one.

These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it.

And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged, will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.

### **THE DECLARATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #1) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse #2) you have consented in marriage, and have declared your solemn intention in this company, before these witnesses and in my presence. You have exchanged these rings as the pledge of your love to each other; you have joined your hands to accept one another.

Now upon the authority vested in me by the Province of Alberta, I happily pronounce you 'husband and wife' OR (customized for client preference).

You may seal your commitment with a kiss!

### **SIGNING OF REGISTRY – with witnesses**

### **CLOSING:**

As you begin your marriage, let your home be a haven of peace in the midst of a busy and changing world; let your relationship be one of complete truth, love, and understanding between you both.

May the confidence, trust, respect, and affection that you have for each other on this day, sustain you as you venture forth in your journey of life together.

May the wisdom of truth; the strength of friendship; and the joy of love be your constant companions..... now and always.

Let your love for one another be as enduring, strong and timeless as these beautiful mountains that surround us.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you for the first time...

Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_! OR (customized for client preference)