

The Asking

The author has put this collection together as a result of many requests from couples to provide suggestions for something different for ceremonies. This book is the accumulated experience of over fourteen years of being a civil celebrant. The author has selected sections of ceremonies that have appealed to her.

She hopes that couples find it a useful, workable model from which to build their own ceremony. There are also included suggestions for music. The final section is on special ceremonies that can be worked into the order of ceremony.

There are five readings which can be mixed and matched that are contained in this document.

The asking section is the traditional part of the ceremony and is the most important and memorable part of the ceremony.

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Option One

Do you (groom's name) knowing this woman's love for you and returning it, realising her strengths and learning from them, recognising her weaknesses and helping her to overcome them, take (bride's name) to be your lawfully wedded wife?

Groom: I do

(repeat for Bride)

Bride: I do

Option Two

I require you both that, having duly considered the promise you are about to make, you now declare before this company your pledge of faith each to the other. Please join hands. The vows that you are about to exchange serve as a representation of the love you pledge to each other.

To Groom:

(Groom's name), do you take (Bride's name) to be your lawful wife, will you love her, comfort her, honour and keep her, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others keep unto her, so long as you both shall live?

Groom: I do

(repeat for Bride)

Bride: I do

Option Three

(Groom's name) will you pledge to love (Bride's name) and throughout your years together to be honest, faithful and kind to her? Do you pledge to give her the same happiness she gives to you, to be honest with her and respect her for who she is and not for who you want her to be?

Groom: Today I vow to always be honest and faithful to you, to share in your happiness and to help you achieve your hopes and desires and grow to your fullest potential. I will be there when you cry to dry your tears, when you are scared to soothe your fears. I will be there through all your tomorrows loving you at all times in our joys and sorrows. I truly love you and respect you and freely share with you all that I am. You mean everything to me.

(repeat for Bride)

Option Four

(Groom's name) do you take (Bride's name to be your lawful wife, will you love her, comfort her, honour and keep her, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others keep only unto her, so long as you both shall live?

Groom: I do

(repeat for Bride)

Option Five

(Groom's name) Do you come here of your own free will?

Groom: I do

(repeat for Bride)