

Giving Away of Bride

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

The Giving Away section is optional in modern day weddings and its inclusion rests with what the couples wants from the ceremony.

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Option One

(groom's name) & (Bride's name) believe that their family is a very important part of their lives. Their families have always been there, guiding them through difficult times, and giving them enough love, shelter and support to allow them to grow into their own person. It is therefore important to (groom's name) & (bride's name) that their families approve and bless their marriage.

(indicate for the families to stand)

Who gives this woman to be married to this man? (We do)

Who gives this man to be married to this woman? (We do)

As the family and friends of (groom's name) & (bride's name) you are here to express your love, hope and joy for this occasion. If you truly love them, you will never do anything to hinder their marriage, never speak against either partner, and support the marriage through the good times and the hard times. Will you accept and support this marriage? (We will)

Option Two

Traditionally it was the father or a male from the bride's household who 'gave her away' or 'handed her over' to the groom's family. Today it is reasonably common for both mother and father to fulfill this role.

Who gives this woman to be married to this man? (We do)

Option Three

With whom do you come and with whose blessings accompany you?

(She comes with me, her father, and is accompanied by all of her family's blessings)