

Exchange of marriage vows

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Adapt as required by local law.

Partner 1 & Partner 2 come forward.

_____ & _____, you have affirmed your willingness to enter this covenant of marriage and to share all the joys and sorrows of this relationship, whatever the future may hold. You have stated that you both are lawfully free to marry. Now I invite you to share your covenant promises before these witnesses, uniting yourselves in marriage.

Face one another and join hands to exchange your wedding vows.

And to all of you gathered here today, as you hear their vows exchanged, I invite you, if you are married or in partnership, or hope to be, take the hand of your beloved and recommit yourselves in love.

Repeat after me. [*The slash marks note where to pause after a phrase allowing the person to repeat back.*]

Option 1:

_____ (**Partner 1**), you first:

_____ **Partner 2**, I take you / to be my
life companion / spouse/husband/wife/partner /
[*Use the word that the couple prefers.*]
through tears and laughter, /
sickness and health, / work and play. /
I promise to be faithful and open to you. /

I will respect & trust you. / I will help and care for you.
I will share my life with you./
I will lead with you/ a just and peaceful life.
I will love you / and be thankful /
for the blessing of your love. /
This is my solemn vow.

_____ (**Partner 2**), repeat after me:

_____ (**Partner 1**), I take you / to be my
life companion / spouse/husband/wife/partner /
[*Use the word that the couple prefers.*]
through tears and laughter, /
sickness and health, / work and play.
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Option 2 - short & simple

Partner 1 & Partner 2, repeat after me.
(*separately, one after the other*)

Partner 1/Partner 2, I take you to be my partner in marriage,
to love and to cherish, /from this day forward /
as long as we both shall live.