

THE DECLARATIONS

The minister says to the couple

N and N, the vows you are about to take are to be made in the presence of God who is judge of all and knows all the secrets of our hearts; therefore if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

The minister says to Groom

N, will you take N to be your wife?

Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

He answers **I will.**

The minister says to bride

N, will you take v to be your husband?

Will you love him. comfort him, honour and protect him, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

She answers **I will.**

The minister says to the congregation

Will you, the family and friends of N and N support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

We will.

THE VOWS

To 'Brides father':

Who brings this woman to be married to this man?

I do

'Brides father' gives bride's right hand to the minister who puts it in groom's right hand, saying.

N and N, I now invite you to join hands and make your vows in the presence of God and his people.

Bride and groom face each other.

Groom takes Bride's right hand in his, and says

I, N take you N to be my wife,

to have and to hold from this day forward;
for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish,
till death us do part, according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow.

They loose hands.

Bride takes Groom's right hand in hers, and says

I, N, take you N to be my husband,
to have and to hold from this day forward;
for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish, (or 'to love, cherish and obey')
till death us do part, according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow .

They loose hands.

THE GIVING OF RINGS

If speaking together :

Groom places the ring on the fourth finger of bride's left hand, and bride places a ring on the fourth finger of groom's left hand,:

Bride and Groom repeat after the minister:

I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

If separately

Groom places the ring on the fourth finger of bride's left hand,

I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Bride places a ring on the fourth finger of groom's left hand,:

I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.