

Lincolnshire Civil Partnership Ceremony - Sample Script

BEFORE THE CEREMONY

- Any notices about photographs, confetti, social media etc. will be read before the entry of the bride/groom/couple.
- Guests asked to stand for entry of bride/groom/couple.

START OF THE CEREMONY

Good Morning/Afternoon, On behalf of <Couples First Names> I would like to welcome you all to <Venue> today on this happy occasion as we gather to celebrate their civil partnership.

My name is <Deputy Superintendent Registrar> and it will be my privilege and pleasure to conduct the ceremony here today.

PRESENTATION OF THE COUPLE

Optional:

May I ask who brings <Party 1 First Name> here today?

Response

Optional:

May I ask who brings <Party 2 First Name> here today?

Response

The place in which you are now met has been duly sanctioned according to the law for the formation of civil partnerships.

<Couples First Names> your family and friends are celebrating with you today, and will join with you in the formation of your civil partnership. They will witness your vows and promises, and support you in your future life together.

< We will insert any personal information or history here >

A civil partnership is a promise made between two people who love one another and who wish to share their future lives together.

It calls for mutual respect, honesty, patience and of course, a good sense of humour!

It will provide each of you with the love, the support, the help and the comfort you may need, both in times of joy and in times of difficulty.

A good partner in such a partnership will be loving, caring and above all, a best friend.

<Couples First Names> are making a public declaration of their love and commitment to one another.

< First Reading (Optional) >

<Couples First Names> are making a public declaration of their love and commitment to one another. They will be making a solemn and binding vow to one another to voluntarily enter into their partnership for life, to the exclusion of all others.

We have now come to the solemn, but joyous moment when <Party 1 First Name> and <Party 2 First Name> will be contracting their civil partnership their witnesses and guests.

This formation requires both <Party 1 First Name> and <Party 2 First Name> to agree to the declarations on the official schedule and then both sign the document followed by the signatures of their 2 witnesses.

Would the witnesses (Names of witnesses) please come forward to join us.

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP DECLARATION

I now ask each of you in turn to make the prescribed declarations to one another.

- **I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.**

OPTIONAL VOWS

(each party to repeat the same option or provide personal vows to be included)

<Party 1 First Name> and <Party 2 First Name> please face one another and you may join hands.

- 1. Today I choose to be your husband/wife./ I promise to love, treasure, comfort and respect you. / Day by day to walk by your side / in joy or in sorrow.**
- 2. I promise that I will make time for you / and support you in everything you do. / I will try to bring laughter into your life / and make you happy. / I pledge you my loyalty and friendship / for as long as I live.**
- 3. I promise to be true to you / to share my thoughts, my hopes and my dreams with you. / I promise to care for you with love and friendship, / to support and comfort you / to respect and cherish you / and to be faithful always. / These promises I make to you / for the rest of our lives together.**
- 4. I promise to give you the best of myself / and ask no more than you can give. / I promise to respect you / and to acknowledge that your interests are no less important than my own. / I promise to share with you my time and attention / to bring joy and happiness to our partnership. / I promise to share my thoughts, / my hopes and my dreams / as**

we build our lives together. / I promise to love you / through good times and bad / with all I have to give / in the only way I know how / – completely and forever.

5. Your own personal vows if applicable

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

(It's not a legal requirement to exchange rings but many couples do opt for this.)

<Couples First Names> have chosen <Name of ringbearer> as their ringbearer today.

The giving of rings is a physical representation of the bond of love that you share, and of the faith you place in one another.

Such rings are an unbroken circle symbolising eternal unity without beginning or end. It is the outward sign of the love that exists between you. Let it always remind you of the commitment you have made here today.

- 1. I give you (accept) this ring / as a symbol of my love and affection / and as a lasting reminder of the promises we have made here today.**
- 2. This ring I give you (accept) as a symbol of our love/ and of the vows we have made here today./ I promise to care for you with love and friendship/ to support and comfort you/ to respect and cherish you/ and to be faithful always./ These promises I make to you for the rest of our lives together.**
- 3. I give this ring as my gift to you / wear it and think of me / and know that I love you.**
- 4. I (Name) take you (Name) to be my life partner and I give you (accept) this ring as a symbol of my love and affection.**

5. Couple's own ring words

< Second Reading (Optional) >

<Couples First Names> you have made the civil partnership commitment in the presence of your family and friends.

The path you have chosen to travel may have challenges along the way, and from this day forward you will face them together.

We hope that the feelings of love that you have for each other will deepen and grow even stronger throughout the years to come.

I am delighted to announce that you are now lawfully joined together as Civil Partners.

CONGRATULATIONS

Signing of the Civil Partnership schedule

Ending of the Ceremony and Congratulations

Would everybody please stand. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you...

(We will announce you out using whichever words you would like to use, this can be Mr & Mrs, Mr & Mr, Mrs & Mrs, etc, or just your first names, the choice is yours.)