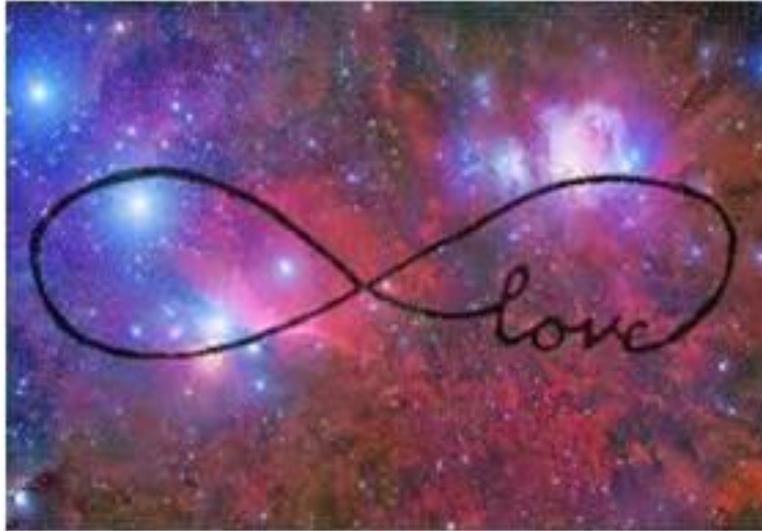


Wedding Ceremony Guide & Planning Manual



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Marriage License

***A Marriage License is only valid for three(3) months from the date of approval / purchase. They can be obtained from a Service BC location.*

***Bring your Marriage License and Registration of Marriage form (partially completed) to your Rehearsal ceremony, as it MUST be reviewed by your Officiant and confirmed by the parties as being correct prior to the ceremony.*

THE MARRIAGE LICENSE AND BC VITAL Statistics REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE Procedures

The provincial government issues marriage licenses as a means of meeting the federal statutes governing the freedom and qualification of individuals to marry. The following is a direct link to their website should you wish to reference:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events/marriages>

There is an approx. \$100.00 fee associated with marriage licenses that can be accessed at any Service BC location.

At some time in the three months prior to your wedding date, you will need to buy a marriage license. Only one member of the couple is required to apply for a marriage license, but he or she must apply in person, and show primary identification for both parties.

A couple in possession of a valid British Columbia marriage license is legally able to be married anywhere in British Columbia regardless of where the license was issued.

Your marriage license tells your officiant that your wedding will meet legal compliance with all statues both Federal and Provincial. The Marriage License and Registration of Marriage form is presented to your Officiant partially completed. Some information is completed at the time the license is applied for, and then the officiant is responsible for confirming that the parties information is correct and for completing the balance of the form.

Marriage License (continued)

Before

All legal officiants, commissioners, religious or other, must be registered by the registrar general of the Vital Statistics Agency as a religious representative in the Province of BC, and that they are in possession of a valid Letter of Registration. My Certification number with Vital Stats is 44164.

The Officiant must ensure that before proceeding with the ceremony the legal preliminaries required by the Marriage Act have been fulfilled, namely that they have received from the parties to the marriage a valid British Columbia Marriage License and Registration of Marriage form authorizing the proposed marriage.

During the Ceremony

Both the parties and witnesses are required to sign both the Marriage Register (the Officiant maintains the register) and the Marriage License and Registration of Marriage form (obtained through Service BC)

Most often, the Marriage Register is signed during the Ceremony. The Officiant will maintain all signed ceremonial documents.

After

*The provisions of the Vital Statistics Act designate the Officiant as the individual **responsible** for completing the Registration of Marriage. The Officiant must maintain the Marriage Register and forward the Marriage License and Registration of Marriage form to Vital Statistics for registration within two days of marriage. The Marriage Register is the property of Vital Statistics, but is maintained with the Officiant.*

Vital Statistics will send you a Certified Marriage Certificate upon receipt of your marriage filing.



The Rehearsal

Requirements

Please bring your Marriage License, as we will complete during rehearsal. The below information is what is required on the remaining portion of your Marriage License / Registration of Marriage Form.

For Rehearsal, I need to know:

Brides Parents

Father's full legal name _____

Birth place _____

Mother's full legal name she was born with (maiden name)

Birth place _____

Grooms Parents

Father's full legal name _____

Birth place _____

Mother's full legal name and maiden name

Birth place _____

Witness(s) full Legal Names- Typically Maid of Honour and Best Man

#1 _____ #2 _____



Bridal Party Processional & Recessional

Just getting you thinking...

- *How many in your Wedding Party?*
- *How would you like your wedding party to enter? waiting at alter or walking in the brides maides?*
- *Will you have a Maid of Honour, Flower Girls, Ring Bearers*

How will the Bride enter?_____

Traditionally the Bride has been led in by her father; however, there are absolutely no rules on this. The bride could be escorted by no one, both parents, siblings, friends, their pet, a car, etc.

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Processional Order

There are different ways to set up your processional order, below is just one example of a "traditional" order (walking in approx. 20 feet apart)

- Groom to the Minister's left*
- Best Man*
- Grooms men*
- Bridesmaids standing on the Ministers right*

- Children enter

- Maid of Honor

-Bride and whoever is walking her in, enter after all bridal party is in place (traditionally, giver on the Brides right)

At this point the Groom could step forward to greet his Bride. The Bride will give her greeting to who has walked with her down the aisle, and the Groom could also acknowledges this person, hug / shake hands, etc. As an example, you could have the “giver” place the Brides hand into the Grooms hand to present her, and then he / she would then be seated.

Recessional Order - How you would like your party to leave

There are no rules here either, but a more Traditional Recessional Order is:

- Bride and Groom

- Maid of Honor & Best Man

- Children

- Grooms Men & Bridesmaids together

- Brides Parents

- Grooms Parents

- The Minister

- The guests

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Ceremony Positioning EXAMPLE
Remember there are NO rules

Standing

Minister

Bride Groom

(Heart facing toward guests and each other to begin)

Bridesmaids 1, 2, 3 Maid of Honour

Best Man Grooms men 1, 2, 3

Flower Girls

Ring Bearers

On Entry

The Bride - Brides "giver" (on Right of Bride)

Order of Seating

Brides Family

Grooms Family

OR

A general seating where both families sit throughout the seating.

NOTES:



Ceremony Logistics

Signing of the Register

Traditionally, in the presence of your guests, the signing of the register is done at the end of the Vow and / or ring exchange and most often pronouncement, depending on what you decide.

***Ensure there is a Table or stand of some sort for Signing the Register & Table Cloth and ceremonial pen if you wish. You can have one chair for the bride, two chairs for the couple, or no chairs. You decide.*

You will need two witness's to the signing:

(traditionally, it is the two witness's that have stood up with you both during your ceremony.)

Maid of Honour & Best Man

Music:

Processional (Entry) _____

Register Signing _____

Recessional (Exit) _____

Vocalist (if any) _____

Special Readings _____

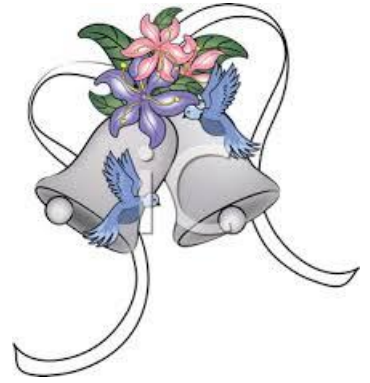
Announcements _____

The Ceremony Program

Please discuss the option for a Ceremony Program that would serve as an agenda for your guests, as well as keep sake. Additional fees apply.

Please inquire.

Ceremony Script & Vows



Regardless of the package you have chosen, I will begin to prepare your wedding script within three weeks of your wedding date, and even sooner.

My Standard Ceremony Package allows time for more personalized touches to your Script. I work closely with you (typically via email) on how you would like your Ceremony Script to be worded, and the feel of your Ceremony overall. I provide a draft script to begin, and we can edit from there. You could add lines of your favorite greeting card, a saying or pull from a memory you both share. I enjoy helping to make your script yours, and work with you on up to two hours of edits. (Which is normally an adequate amount of time.)

I have included various vow / Ring Exchange paragraphs and one line's on the next few pages that you can pull words / vows, I Do's from & mix and match them anyway you like. They could be used for Marriage vows, I' Do's and / or Ring exchange. From spiritual, traditional, modern, or some combination, OR completely create your own. **Have fun with it!**

A few things to consider on vows.....

If you are totally confused about what to do about your vows, wedding script, I Do, Repeat after me, What? 😊 Here are a couple of things to note:

There are no rules in what you do or how your ceremony script and vows unfold.

Often people choose to write their own personal vows, this can be in your own hand writing on a piece of paper, and could involve a more personal storey to the words. This could be in addition to vows that I would read and you decide if you would like them to be repeat after me, paragraph style "I DO's", or something different. As we begin to work on your script and your likes and dislikes of various styles, lines, and paragraphs unfold, we will just slowly begin to see your script build into yours.



I tend to veer away from editing couples personal “hand written or typed” vows, as I believe if someone chooses to express words from their heart, I always trust they know what he / she wants to say. My only suggestion would be to ensure when writing your own personal vows that you read them over several times for comfort and flow in how you wish to say them.

In instances where a couple would like to have personal vows, but aren't sure what to say, I can provide a base Vow script that can assist get you started.

Vows you select may be the same, or select different ones for you both. They could even be light and humorous.

They may be broken up any way you choose. All can be interchanged to use with a vow exchange, or to be said with a ring exchange or another ceremony you have chosen to include.

There are many various vows you could access online when searching “wedding vows”.

***The BC Vital Statistics agency has a mandatory line or of similar context that the officiant must read during a marriage ceremony:*

“In the presence of these witnesses, if anyone knows of a legal hindrance to this marriage, please make it known.”

Traditional & Modern Vow Selection Examples

I call on those present to witness that (minister)

I _____ (Bride or Groom) take you _____ (Bride or Groom) to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, to Love and to cherish and to be faithful to you alone, as long as we both shall live.

I take you _____ to be my (husband / wife).

I promise to inspire and encourage you, to be friends as well as lovers



To laugh with you, and join you in times of sorrow and struggle.

I will stand by your side, listen when you speak, comfort you when you cry and join your laughter with my own.

My life is seeing the love in your eyes and nothing could feel more right, than the love we share.

You have touched my heart, my soul, and my life.

From this day forward, I _____ pledge my love and faithfulness, my body and my heart to you _____ to you and no other today tomorrow and forever more.

_____ Bride or Groom you are my heart my home and my wings. I love you, live you, breathe you, and laugh you and will honor you for all time.

May our souls forever be entwined knowing our favorite song and moving through the universe as one, while our hearts live this beautiful journey together today tomorrow and forever more. This I can promise

_____, I take you as you are; who you are now, and who you are yet to become. I promise to listen to you and learn from you, to support you and accept your support. I will celebrate your triumphs and mourn your losses as though they were my own. I will love you and have faith in your love for me, through all our years and all that life may bring us.

_____, I love you unconditionally and without hesitation. I vow to love you, encourage you, trust you, and respect you. As a family, we will create a home filled with learning, laughter, and compassion. I promise to work with you to foster and cherish a relationship of equality knowing that together we will build a life far better than either of us could imagine alone. Today, I choose you to be my husband/wife. I accept you as you are, and I offer myself in return. I will care for you, stand beside you, and share with you all of life's adversities and all of its joys from this day forward, and all the days of my life.

_____ I cannot promise you a life of sunshine, I cannot promise riches wealth or gold. I cannot promise you an easy pathway that leads away from change or growing old, But I can promise all my hearts devotion, A smile



to chase away your tears of sorrow, A love that's ever growing, and a hand to hold in yours through each tomorrow. I promise that I will love you forever.

----- Today I promise you this, I will laugh with you in times of joy, and comfort you in times of sorrow. I will share in your dreams and support you as you strive to achieve your goals. I will listen to you with compassion and understanding, and speak to you with encouragement. Together, let us build a home filled with learning, laughter and light, shared freely with all who may live there. Let us be partners, friends and lovers, today and all of the days that follow.

----- You are my best friend, I promise to laugh with you, cry with you, and grow with you. I will love and be faithful to you when we are together and when we are apart. I promise to support your dreams and to respect our differences, and to love you and be by your side through all the days and nights of our lives.

Do you ----- Promise to be a loving friend & partner in marriage talk and to listen, to trust and appreciate, to respect and cherish ----- uniqueness? Do you promise to support, comfort, and strengthen him/her through life's joys and sorrows? Do you promise to share hopes and dreams as you build your lives together, and to grow with ----- in mind& spirit? Will you strive to build a home that is compassionate to all, full of respect and honor, filled with peace, happiness, and love? Do you promise to always be open and honest with -----, and cherish him/her for as long as you both shall live?

I, ----- TAKE YOU, ----- TO BE MY HUSBAND/WIFE. I promise to always be your biggest fan and your partner in crime. I promise to create and support a family with you, in a household filled with laughter, patience, understanding, and love. I vow not just to grow old together, but to grow together. I will love you faithfully through the difficult and the easy. What may come, I will always be there, each one believing that love never dies. As I have given you my hand to hold, so I give you my life to keep.

I, _____, TAKE YOU _____ TO BE THE WIFE/HUSBAND OF MY DAYS, the companion of my house, the friend of my life. We shall bear together whatever trouble and sorrow life may lay upon us, and we shall share together whatever good and joyful things life may bring us. With these words, and all the words of my heart, I marry you and bind my life to yours.



I, _____, CHOOSE YOU _____ TO BE NO OTHER THAN YOURSELF. Loving what I know of you, trusting what things I will discover. I will respect you as a person, a partner, and an equal. There is little to say that you haven't already heard, and little to give that is not already freely given. Before you asked me, I was yours and I am devoted to you in every way. I marry you with no hesitation or doubt, and my commitment to you is absolute. Do you take me to be your lawfully wedded husband/wife?

_____ I CHOOSE YOU. TO STAND BY YOUR SIDE AND SLEEP IN YOUR ARMS. To be joy to your heart and food for your soul. To learn with you and grow with you, even as time and life change us both. I promise to laugh with you in good times and struggle alongside you in bad times. I promise to respect you and cherish you as an individual, a partner, and an equal, knowing that we do not complete, but complement each other. May we have many adventures and grow old together.

TODAY, SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO LOVE US, I CHOOSE YOU _____ TO BE MY PARTNER. I am proud to be your wife/husband and to join my life with yours. I vow to support you, push you, inspire you, and above all love you, for better or worse, in sickness and health, for richer or poorer, as long as we both shall live.

I, _____ TAKE YOU, _____ TO BE MY SPOUSE. I promise to choose you every day, to love you in word and deed, to do the hard work of making now into always. To laugh with you, cry with you, grow with you, and create with you. To honor the divinity in you, of you, and around you. To be your kin and your partner in all of life's adventures. Loving what I know of you and trusting what I don't yet know, I give you my hand. I give you my love. I give you myself. _____ Will you give me yourself?

I, _____, DO PLEDGE YOU, _____, MY LOVE, for as long as I live. What I possess in this world, I give to you. I will keep you and hold you, comfort and tend you, protect you and shelter you, for all the days of my life.



Other One Line Vows

These can be combined to mix and match for vows and / or your ring exchange.

- 1 - *I take you _____ to be my (Husband or Wife)*
- 2 - *I call on those present to witness...*
- 3 - *I give myself to you in Marriage*
- 4 - *I promise to inspire and encourage you, to laugh with you and join you in times of challenge or sorrow.*
- 5 - *I Promise you my deepest love and fidelity*
- 6 - *From this day forward, I will forever love you and respect you.*
- 7 - *This is my Pledge to you on this our Wedding day*
- 8 - *What I offer you from this day forward is _____*
- 9 - *I promise to take you to be my only love*
- 10 - *I will stand by your side, listen when you speak comfort you when you cry, and join in your laughter with my own.*
- 11 - *I will love you always for who you are and who you may become*
- 12 - *I love you for holding my hand and my heart*
- 13 - *I love you for seeing past my weaknesses*
- 14 - *I pledge my love, honor and commitment*
- 15 - *I will love you when we fall short of our expectations*
- 16 - *I promise to be friends as well as lovers*
- 17 - *I will be there for you when you need me*
- 18 - *I promise that our love will grow today, tomorrow, & beyond forever*



- 19- *I give you my heart, my love, and my life*
- 20- *I promise that in time, as we look through the windows of our memories we will always grow in love*
- 21- *I promise to be with you to share my dreams, my plans, my adventures, and my life*
- 22- *I will encourage you, believe in you, and grow with you in our weakness and strength*
- 23- *I love you for the way you understand me, and the way you comfort me with just a touch or a word*
- 24- *I love you for the way you make me laugh when I need it most*
- 25- *I love you for the kind & caring way you give of yourself*
- 26- *I love you for the dreams we will continue to build together*
- 27- *Thank you for giving my life a deeper meaning and purpose*
- 28- *I offer you both my love & my heart*
- 29- *Our love is a wish on a star, a dream come true, & held in our hearts forever.*
- 30- *I offer you all that is mine to give, my hopes, my dreams, & my love*
- 31- *When our life is busy sharing responsibilities, I promise to find time to be alone with you and feel the warmth of your touch & discover again and again how very much I love you*
- 32- *I know that the more we are together, the more our life we will share, & find new ways to express our love.*
- 33- *I promise meaningful moments to express our love*
- 34- *I will always be your very best friend, to encourage you, & believe in you*
- 35- *I will be your partner in life and offer my love*
- 36- *I will always treasure our memories we create in our life together*



37- *You will always be the first in all of my dreams*

38- *You lighten my heart and brighten my days*

39- *My life is seeing the love in your eyes and nothing could feel more right than the love that we share.*

40- *In my heart I will always celebrate the day we realized that something wonderful was happening between us*

41- *I will trust you, comfort you, & forever keep you in the depth of my heart*

42- *Our love is a dream I hold in my heart*

43- *I will (I promise) keep my heart & my mind open to the wonders of love and life that are going to come to us in our married life together*

44- *I promise to make my love more beautiful & meaningful with every passing year of our life together*

45- *I promise to love you today, tomorrow, & forever*

46- *Tenderly, I will hold you, thoughtfully I will listen, passionately, I will care, completely, I will love you*

47- *I offer you my heart and my hand, and to hold you near as we walk together into our future and our dreams*

48- *You are the love of my heart*

49- *I promise to keep my heart understanding and a place for you in its embrace*

50- *I promise to do my best to bring joy, pleasure, and comfort into our marriage*

51- *I will be open and honest and encourage you to become the best you can be*

52- *In you I have found my soul mate, and the true magic of life*

53- *I found a world of happiness in you, someone I can count on, believe in, and love with all my heart*

54- *I will trust you with my dreams*

55- I take you _____ to laugh with you in joy, to grieve with you in sorrow, grow with you in love and from this day forward, I will share my life with you.

56- I give you my hand as I give you my love to walk by your side forevermore

57- I promise to love you without reservation

58- I promise to give the best of myself and ask no more than you can give

59- I promise to respect you and to realize that your needs are no less than my own

60- I promise to share with you my time and my attention to bring our lives closer

61- I promise that my heart will always be young and that our dreams will last forever

62- I promise to keep an open heart and open mind to keep our love alive and exciting

63- From this day forward you shall not walk alone. My heart will be your shelter and my arms will be your home

64- I promise to give you the best of myself and to ask of you, no more than you can give

65- I promise to respect you, your interests, desires, and needs

66- I promise to grow with you in our marriage, to be willing to face changes and to keep our relationship alive and exciting

67- I promise to always hold our love within my heart



BC Vital Statistics has also created a full example of a simplistic style ceremony; it can be accessed through the following link:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/birth-adoption-death-marriage-and-divorce/marriages/vsa718.pdf>



Other One line's & Vows that can be used with Ring Exchange

-----, I offer you this ring

-----, with this ring I thee wed

-----, with the symbol of this circle

I commit to you the treasures of my soul, the devotion of my mind, the love of my heart, and the tender touch of my hands.

I take you to be my Husband / Wife; I promise to grow with you in our Marriage, to be willing to face changes together, and to keep our relationship alive and exciting.

I will give you the best of myself and ask of you no more than you can give.

From this day forward you shall not walk alone. My heart will be your shelter and my arms will be your home.

I take you to be my life partner.

I have found a world of happiness in you. Someone I can count on, believe in, and love with all my heart.

With you, I have found my soul mate, and the true magic of life.

Notes

Other types of Ceremonies to consider

There are several "special" Ceremonies that can be in addition to a traditional ceremony with vows and a ring exchange.

___Rose

___Unity Candle

___Unity Sand

___Other

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Rose Ceremony

A short Rose Exchange Ceremony between the couple could look like:

A single red rose carries with it the Universal meaning of "I love you". Your gift to each other for your wedding today has been your wedding rings - which shall always be an outward demonstration of your vows of love and respect, and a public showing of your commitment to each other.

You each hold a rose in your hand. Allow this rose to signify the purity and intimacy of the bond that you share. Let the exchange of roses be a symbol of the strength of your love and your commitment to each other even in times of doubt when words are few.....



Unity Candle Ceremony

At the beginning of the *wedding ceremony*, a representative from each family (usually the mothers of the bride and groom) light the two taper *candles*. Later in the *ceremony* (usually after the formal vows), the bride and groom use the two taper *candles* to light the large pillar (*unity*) *candle* together. I would work with you on writing the additional Vows the way you like.



Unity Sand Ceremony

The "Blending of the Sands" ceremony can be a beautiful and meaningful alternative to the "Unity Candle" ceremony. (If outdoors) Like a *Unity* candle the pouring of two different colored *sands* together is used to symbolize the joining of the bride and groom or the joining of their families.



Mother Rose Ceremony

The Mother's Rose Ceremony is a great way of honoring the Bride & Groom's mothers or other family members during a wedding ceremony. The Rose or Flower ceremony allows the bride and groom a way for them to show gratitude for the love bestowed upon them and their mothers having given birth to them.



A short introduction and the roses are then presented to the Bride and Groom's mothers.

Handfasting Ceremony (This is an example of other)

What is a Handfasting Ceremony?



A Handfasting ceremony is an ancient marriage ritual. Today, a handfasting ceremony is a beautiful and unique way to represent your union and honor your heritage. A couple will bind their hands together during the wedding ceremony (before, during, or after reciting their vows), often to symbolize their connection and devotion to one another.

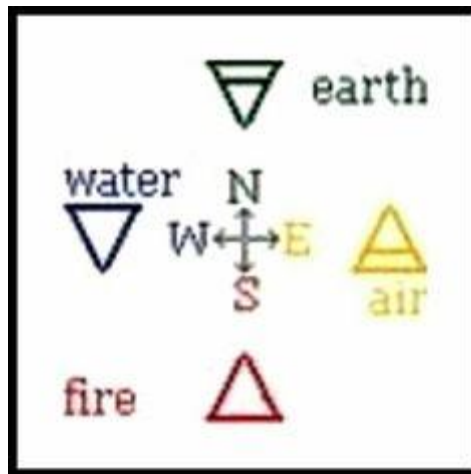
The ritual could take place at various points during the ceremony, before the rings are exchanged.



-There are so many different handfasting vows and methods to facilitate. It would be open and up to you how it unfolds.



Just a few more words and symbols meant to inspire.....



EVERYTHING is up for discussion with the wording of your script!



This star is a symbol of life. Each of the five elements: Earth, Air, Fire, Water and Spirit; Intertwined in a never-ending knot. That is all it is. And it is beautiful. A symbol of life, of existence, of infinite togetherness.

It is believed that the human soul shares a connection with all things divine. It is this infinite belief which assigned virtues to the cardinal directions; East, South, West and North and the celestial elements of Air, Fire, Water, and Earth. It is in this tradition that a blessing is offered in support of this ceremony.

Blessed be this union with the gifts of the East and Element of Air. Communication of the heart, mind, and body. Fresh beginnings with the rising of each Sun. The knowledge of the growth found in the sharing of silences.

Blessed be this union with the gifts of the South and Element of Fire; Warmth of heart and home. The heat of the heart's passion; the light created by you both To lighten the darkest of times.



Blessed be this union with the gifts of the West and Element of Water. The deep commitments of the lake; the swift excitement of the river; the refreshing cleansing of the rain; the all encompassing passion of the sea; the powerful force of the tides.

Blessed be this union with the gifts of the North and Element of Earth. A Firm foundation on which to build Fertility of the fields to enrich your lives; A stable home to which you may always return; a grounded strength to walk the plains.

Now that you have joined yourselves in matrimony, may you strive always to meet this commitment with the same spirit you now exhibit. We all bear witness to this ceremony you have just performed and you may now call yourselves by those old and respected names, husband and wife. Bless this union. You may kiss your bride.

All of these blessings emphasizes those things which will help you build a happy and successful union. Yet they are only tools. Tools which you must use together in order to create what you seek in this union. I invite you look into each others eyes.

I, (Groom), promise you, (Bride), that I will be your husband, From this day forward, To love and respect you, To support and to hold you, To make you laugh And to be there when you cry, To softly kiss you when you are hurting, And to be your companion and your friend, On this Magickal journey that we will now make together.

Now you will feel no rain, for each of you will be a shelter to the other. Now you will feel no cold, for each of you will be warmth to the other. Now there is no loneliness for you, for each of you will be companion to the other. Now you are two bodies, but there is only one life before you. May your days be good and long upon the earth!



Ceremonial Fees & Method of Payment

To request a booking, or begin discussion, please complete Reverend Danielle's Wedding Interview form at <http://www.liforceenergy.net/ceremonies/weddings-services/>

In order to schedule your ceremony, a deposit of \$120.00 is required via e-mail transfer or cash. Any remaining balance is due prior to your Rehearsal or upon final invoicing.

Upon booking, you will be given a unique Ceremony Planning Guide that will assist with all aspects of your special day, from start to finish, including vow selection, and other important details to consider.

Base Ceremony Package: \$120.00 includes: a Ceremony Planning Guide, preparing your ceremony script, 15 minute advance ceremony arrival, up to a 30 minute ceremony, and ceremonial administration and filing.

Standard Ceremony Package: \$240.00 includes: A Ceremony Planning Guide, 30 minute rehearsal, 30 minute advance ceremony arrival, a 30 minute ceremony, as well as working with you to personalize script writings for your ceremony. Writing and working with you on your ceremony script, writing your personal vows (if needed), and any other special ceremony writings, and details.

Also, please ask about my wedding programs that can be used as a wedding agenda and take home memento for your guests.

Additional Fees

Travel, Extra Time, & Mileage

All Ceremonies are subject to a one hour weekend travel fee of \$45.00, and \$30.00 per hour for week day ceremonies. Any additional travel or mileage will be determined at the time of booking.

Session, Rehearsal, & Ceremony time (over your Base or Standard package) is billed at a rate of \$65/hour. Billing can occur in 15-minute increments

When and if mileage is charged, it is at a rate of \$0.53/km
Any Parking or ferry costs are additional