

MARRIAGE VOWS

1. Lutheran Book of Worship:

The bride and groom face each other and join hands. Each, in turn, promises faithfulness to the other in these or similar words:

I take you, _____ (*name*) _____ ,
to be my *wife/husband* from this day forward,
to join with you and share all that is to come,
and I promise to be faithful to you
until death parts us.

The bride and groom exchange rings with these words:

I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

The bride and groom join hands, and the minister announces their marriage by saying:

P: _____ (*name*) _____ and _____ (*name*) _____ ,
by their promises before God and in the presence of this congregation,
have bound themselves to one another as husband and wife.

C: Blessed be the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit now and
forever.

P: Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

C: Amen.

2. Alternate Vows from the LBW:

I take you, _____ (*name*) _____ , to be my *wife/husband*,
and these things I promise you;
I will be faithful to you and honest with you;
I will [obey,] respect, trust, help, and care for you;
I will share my life with you;
I will forgive you as we have been forgiven;
and I will try with you better to understand ourselves,
the world and God;
through the best and the worst of what is to come until death parts us.

3. I take you, _____ (*name*) _____ , to be my *wife/husband*,
I promise before God and these witnesses
to be your faithful *husband/wife*,

to share with you in plenty and in want,
in joy and in sorrow,
in sickness and in health,
to forgive and strengthen you,
and to join with you
so that together we may serve God and others
as long as we both shall live.

4. _____ (*name*) _____ ,

I take you to be my *wife/husband* from this time onward,
to join with you and to share all that is to come,
to give and to receive,
to speak and to listen,
to inspire and to respond,
and in all circumstances of our life together to be loyal to you
with my whole life and with all my being
until death parts us.

5. United Church:

_____ (*name*) _____ I take you to be my *wife/husband*;
to laugh with you in joy;
to cry with you in sorrow;
to grow with you in love;
to be faithful to you alone
as long as we both shall live.

6. _____ (*name*) _____ I take you to be my *wife/husband*,

to share my life with you.
I promise to love, honour and cherish you,
to support and encourage you,
through all the changes of our lives.

As the ring is given:

I give you this ring as a symbol of my promise, and of our commitment.

7. Anglican (Book of Alternative Services):

I _____ (*name*) _____ take you _____ (*name*) _____ to be my *wife/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
for the rest of our lives,
according to God=s holy law.
This is my solemn vow.

***The bride/groom places the ring on the ring-finger
of the other=s hand and says:***

_____(name)_____, I give you this ring
as a symbol of my vow.
With all that I am and all that I have,
I honour you in the name of God.