

Vows/Giving and Receiving of Rings

Three alternatives are here.

Option 1

The Marriage

The Vows

The couple joins hands

In the Name of God, 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, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

In the Name of God, 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, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

Ring Blessing

The Priest may ask God's blessing on a ring or rings as follows

Bless, O Lord, *this ring* to be a *sign* of the vows by which this man and this woman have **bound/given** themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Giving of rings

The giver places the ring on the ring-finger of the other's hand and says

N., I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (*or* in the Name of God).

Option 2

The Marriage

The Vows

The couple joins hands

Bride/Groom, I take you to be my wife/husband, to be with you whatever happens to us. In prosperity and in hardship, in health and in sickness, in sorrow and in joy. I will love, protect and serve you as long as we live. This I vow before God.

The Rings

Ring Blessing

The priest receives the ring or rings and says

Eternal God, bless these rings as symbols of the love and trust between **Bride** and **Groom**. Let these rings say to all that their commitment is deep and life-long. *Amen.*

Giving of rings

Bride/Groom, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow.

Option 3

Vows

The couple joins hands

N. I take you to be my wife/husband. All that I have I offer you; what you have to give I gladly receive; wherever you go I will go. You are my love. God keep me true to you always and you to me.

Ring Blessing

Christ our light, encircle these rings with your blessing, rings to show the love of **N.** and **N.** Bind them together and keep them in your love eternally.

Giving of rings

N. this ring I give to you, with my body I honor you. God make me your true husband/wife in the spirit of Jesus Christ.