**Wedding script**

**The Minister says to everyone:**

*“First I am required to ask anyone present who knows a reason why these persons may not lawfully marry, to declare it now.”*

**He says to the couple:**

*“The vows you are about to take are to be made in the presence of god, therefore if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.”*

**The Minister asks:** *“Who gives this woman to be married to this man?”*

The Father of the bride answers: *“I do.”*

(The Father then places his daughter’s hand into the hand of the bridegroom)

**Minister to Groom:**

*“Will you take to be your wife? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and forsaking all others, be faithful unto her as long as you both shall live?*

**Groom answers:** *“I will.”*

**The Minister says to the bride:**

*“Will you take 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?”*

**The bride answers:** *“I will.”*

**The Minister says to the congregation:** *“Will you the families and friends of and support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?”*

**Everyone answers:** *“We will.”*

**Minister:** *“and I now invite you to join hands and make your vows, in the presence of God and his people here.”*

(The bride and bridegroom face each other. The Bridegroom takes the bride’s right hand in his)

**Bridegroom:**

*“I take you .*

*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.”*

**The bride says**

*“I take you .*

*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,*

*Till death us do part;*

*According to God’s holy law*

*In the presence of God I make this vow.”*

**The Minister says**

*“Heavenly father, by your blessing*

*Let these rings be to and*

*A symbol of unending love and faithfulness,*

*To remind them of the vow and covenant*

*Which they have made this day*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen “*

The groom places the ring on her finger and says:

*“I give you this ring*

*As a sign of our marriage*

*With my body I honour you,*

*All that I have I give to you,*

*And all that I have I share with you.*

*Within the love of God,*

*Father son and Holy Spirit.”*

The bride places the ring on his finger and say

*“I give you this ring*

*As a sign of our marriage*

*With my body I honour you,*

*All that I have I give to you,*

*And all that I have I share with you.*

*Within the love of God,*

*Father son and Holy Spirit.”*

**The minister says:**

*“In the presence of god and before this congregation, and have given their consent and made their marriage vows to each other. They have declared their marriage by the joining of hands and by the giving of rings.*

*I therefore proclaim that they are husband and wife.”*

**The Minister joins their right hands together and says:**

*“Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder”*.

 (The bride and groom may now sit)

Reading from 1 Corinthians 13

*“Love is patient and kind.*

*Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude.*

*Love does not demand its own way.*

*Love is not irritable and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged.*

*It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.*

*Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance.*

*Love will last forever. Now we know only a little. All that I now know is partial and incomplete.*

*There are three things that will endure-faith, hope and love-and the greatest of these is love.”*

**I Promise**, by Dorothy Colgon

* I promise to give you the best of myself and to ask of you no more than you can give.
* I promise to respect you as your own person and to realise that your interests, desires and needs are no less important than my own.
* I promise to share with you my time and my attention and to bring joy, strength and imagination to our relationship
* I promise to keep myself open to you, to let you see through the window of my world into my innermost fears and feelings, secrets and dreams.
* I promise to grow along with you, to be willing to face changes in order to keep our relationship alive and exciting.
* I promise to love you in good times and in bad, with all I have to give and all I feel inside in the only way I know how. Completely and forever.