

Celtic-Inclusive Wedding Ceremony Script

Opening / Gathering Words

Officiant:

Welcome, dear friends and family.

We gather in this sacred space, under the sky and upon the earth, surrounded by wind, water, fire, and stone — to witness and bless the union of [Partner 1] and [Partner 2].

Today, we honour not only the bond of these two souls, but also the web of life that connects us all. In the spirit of the Celts, who held reverence for nature, ancestors, and community, we join together in celebration, blessing, and love.

This is a ceremony of equality, respect, and deep-rooted truth — a reflection of the love that transcends gender, origin, and form.

Invocation of the Elements

Officiant:

Let us invite the four sacred elements to bless this union:

- **Earth**, ancient and enduring — may your relationship be grounded and steady.
- **Air**, ever moving and open — may your minds remain curious and your words kind.
- **Fire**, wild and transformative — may your passion always burn bright.
- **Water**, deep and flowing — may your love be fluid, nourishing, and full of grace.

(Option: A representative may light a candle or place a token at a small altar for each element.)

Acknowledging Ancestors and Community

Officiant:

Let us honour the ancestors of all present — those known and unknown, of blood and of spirit — who walk with us unseen, offering their quiet wisdom and blessing.

We also give thanks to the chosen family, community, and friends gathered here, whose presence is a thread in the tapestry of this union.

This marriage does not stand alone — it is upheld by you all. Will you support [Partner 1] and [Partner 2] in their journey?

Guests:

We will.

Declaration of Intent

Officiant (to each partner):

[Partner], do you come of your own free will and with open heart to enter this sacred union?

Partner:

I do.

Officiant:

Do you vow to walk beside [Partner], to honour their truth, to nurture love, and to meet life as partners, come joy or storm?

Partner:

I do.

(Repeat for second partner.)

Celtic Handfasting Ritual

(A handfasting cord is draped over the couple's hands.)

Officiant:

In the tradition of the old ways, I bind your hands, not to bind you in restraint, but to show that your lives are now woven together.

As your hands are joined, so are your spirits.

(Optional: A poem or short blessing is read here — examples available if you'd like.)

(Each tie of the cord may represent a shared value or vow — e.g., love, trust, laughter, strength, freedom.)

Vows

Officiant:

Please speak the vows you have prepared.

(Each partner shares their vows — personal or traditional. You can request sample vows if needed.)

Exchange of Rings or Tokens

Officiant:

These rings (or chosen symbols) are not just circles of metal. They are promises made visible, worn with intention and remembrance.

(Each partner places the ring and says a short phrase, such as:)

“With this ring, I honour you and the path we share.”

Final Blessing

Officiant:

May your love be blessed by the winds that whisper truth,
By the fire that stokes courage,
By the waters that offer healing,
And by the earth that gives you rest.

May you grow together in joy, in wisdom, and in love — ever new, ever ancient.

Pronouncement

Officiant:

By the love that binds you, and the community that surrounds you,
I now pronounce you partners in life, in love, and in spirit.

You may seal your vows with a kiss.

Recessional / Music / Closing

(A Celtic tune, instrumental or folk, plays as the couple exits.)