

Blessing of the Marriage

Presentation of the Bride / Couple

Presentation - 1. Traditional - Just the Bride

Presentation of the Bride

Who gives Bde to be married to Grm?

Who gives this woman in marriage to this man?

Who giveth this woman in marriage?

Who gives their blessing to this marriage?

Responses

Father of the Bride: I do.

The Bride is presented by her Father, (name).

Father of the Bride: Her Mother and I do.

Mother of the Bride: Her Father and I do.

Parents of the Bride: We do.

The Bride is presented by her Parents (names).

Sons/Daughters/Children of the Bride: We do.

The Bride is presented by her Sons/Daughters/Children (names).

Family and Friends:

Who gives their blessing to this marriage?

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Responder: Her family and friends gathered here today do.

OR

Family and Friends: We do! – The Guests need to know what to say in advance – no trick questions.

Presentation - 2. Presenting the Couple

Presentation of the Bride and Groom

Who gives Grm and Bde to each other in marriage?

Parents/Children: We do.

The Bride is presented by her Parents (names) / Daughter/Son/Children (names) and the Groom is presented by his Parents (names) / Daughter/Son/Children (names).

Presentation - 3. Blessing the Marriage

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Who gives their blessing to this marriage?

Parents of the Bride and Groom: We do.

Presentation - 4. Non-Traditional - Just the Bride

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Who gives Bde to be married to Grm?

Father of the Bride: No one gives this girl away, for she has a mind and

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heart of her own. But I do give my blessing, hopes, and prayers for their future together.

Humorous?? Responses.

Actual Responses that have been given at Tom's ceremonies:

Minnesota Response: "I do, Yah sure, you betcha."

Western Canadian Response: "I do. Eh – and it's ah boot time. Eh"

OR

"I do. No refunds, no returns."

The Bride had not inherited her Father's sense of humor and was not happy – luckily Tom was the only one who could see her face and she quickly got over it.

OR

Father of the Bride: Her Mother and I do. And from here forward there are no refunds, returns, exchanges, or upgrades.

Presentation - 5. Non-Traditional - The Bride gives herself

Presentation of the Bride

Who gives this woman to be wed?

Bride: I give myself, freely and happily.

Presentation - 6. Parent's Consent

Presentation of the Couple

Marriage is the joining of two families that have been separate up to this moment, but united from this day forward – blending their different traditions, and strengthening the family tree.

To Parents: Will you (*Parents' first names*) bless Bde and Grm in their marriage? Will you celebrate with them in their times of joy, and bolster them and their marriage in times of hardship?

Parents: We will.