

Civil Ceremony Layout

In terms of music, civil ceremonies can be like a blank canvas.. each one is different and you have a huge amount of songs to choose from! The only restriction really, is that you're asked not to have lyrics with religious/holy references, such as Prayers or mention of God. Apart from that, you can be as adventurous as you like (within reason). The registrar can advise if certain songs are deemed suitable for the ceremony. It's recommended to check all of your song choices with the registrar in advance of the day of your Civil Wedding.

Here's the typical running order of a civil ceremony.

(Parts with Music are highlighted yellow)

Entrance Song (Processional)	<i>i.e. The Greatest Day, It Must Be Love, Your Song...</i>
Opening Words	
The Giving In Marriage (optional)	
Music	<i>i.e. Fields of Gold, Songbird, Something</i>
Opening Prayer/Reading	
Definition of Marriage	
Wedding Vows	
Music	<i>i.e. How Sweet It Is, Amazed, I'm Yours</i>
Second Reading	
Exchange of Rings	
Music or A Reading	<i>i.e. Gabriels Oboe, An Instrumental Piece</i>
Lighting of Unity Candle...	<i>Some people request instrumental music while this is done</i>
Closing	
Declaration of Marriage	
Introduction of The Newlyweds	
Exit Music	<i>i.e. Rule The World, Just The Way You Are, Signed, Sealed, Delivered.... or a song of your choice</i>

Each ceremony is different – depending on what the individual couple want. You are not restricted to the songs above, they are just indications of popular choices.

You are welcome to print this information & use it as a reference for the running order of your ceremony.

Hope this is helpful to you!

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