

# CANDLE UNITY CEREMONY - WEDDING

## WHAT IS IT?

A candle unity ceremony is a ritual symbolising the joining of two individuals, the merging of their families and in some cases, the creation of a blended family.

## WHAT HAPPENS DURING A CANDLE UNITY CEREMONY DURING A WEDDING?

This all depends on how many participants are included in the ceremony. There will be three candles for the ceremony: two standard tapered candles and one larger pillar candle (the “unity” candle).

## ONLY THE COUPLE PARTICIPATE

1. Your celebrant will introduce the ritual, explaining the significance and setting the scene for what is to come
2. Your celebrant will invite you, the couple, to each light one of the tapered candles
3. As your celebrant continues to speak, they will then invite the couple to take the individual candles and light the large pillar candle together
4. Your celebrant will say a few more words to finalise the unity

The unity candle ceremony is a lovely way to include other family members such as parents, grandparents or older children. If there are additional participants, step 2 above will change and your parents, grandparents, older children, etc will light the tapered candles symbolising the two individual families.

Candles can be plain, or decorated with ribbon, engraving, etc.

