

**Ceremony  
Mike & Lisa  
September 10, 2016.**

**Introduction:**

Good afternoon. My name is Melissa Taylor and I have the privilege of performing this ceremony today.

On behalf of Mike and Lisa welcome and thank you for being here. They are delighted that you are here today to share in their joy during this wonderful moment in their lives.

Mike and Lisa stand before you to declare their commitment to each other in front of their family and friends and to celebrate with you on this wonderful occasion. Many of you have given them much happiness, love, warmth, and guidance through the various stages of their lives. Thank you for joining them as we realize that some of you have travelled a great distance. For that, Mike and Lisa will be forever thankful.

Before we begin we would like everyone to think of the loved ones who can't be with us today. They are with us in our memories and our hearts.

**Reading: Just You & Me**

This marriage is about you and me  
The life we have created  
The dreams and goals we share

This moment is just for us  
Looking ahead with excitement at our future  
Supporting one another no matter what lies ahead

May our love always be enough  
To heal any hurts  
To dry any tears

May our love provide us with strength  
And fill our hearts with hope  
For the possibilities in life as individuals and as a couple

May our marriage grow stronger each day  
And may we find examples of married life  
To lead and encourage us

This marriage is about you and me  
Husband and wife  
From this moment on, Forever in love.

## **Vows:**

*(Lisa to pass bouquet to Heather)*

Mike and Lisa will now exchange their vows.

**Mike** repeat after me: I Mike take you Lisa to be my Wife/ I take you to be my best friend and the love of my life/ I promise I will be your equal and respectful partner/ To support you, inspire you and grow with you/To love you unconditionally through whatever comes our way/ I promise to lift you up when you are down/ and to encourage you to accomplish all of your dreams/ I promise to be by your side/ through all the days and nights of our lives.

**Lisa** repeat after me: I Lisa take you Mike to be my Husband/ I take you to be my best friend and the love of my life/ I promise I will be your equal and respectful partner/ To support you, inspire you and grow with you/To love you unconditionally through whatever comes our way/ I promise to lift you up when you are down/ and to encourage you to accomplish all of your dreams/ I promise to be by your side/ through all the days and nights of our lives.

## **Ring Exchange:**

Can I please collect the rings? *(Jason will have them)*

**Mike**, Please repeat after me: Lisa, with this ring/ as a symbol of my love/ I give you my heart now/, forever and for always.

**Lisa**, Please repeat after me: Mike, with this ring/ as a symbol of my love/ I give you my heart now/, forever and for always.

## **Hands Reading -**

Please take each other's hands in your own and remember these words:  
These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever. These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future. These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind. These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes; tears of sorrow, and tears of joy. In your final years, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged, will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.

### **Pronouncement:**

May the love that has brought you together continue to grow and enrich your lives. It is my honour to now pronounce you husband and wife. You may seal your vows with a kiss.

### **Sand Ceremony**

Lisa and Mike. You have committed here today to share the rest of your lives with each other. We have witnessed your giving and receiving of rings and the exchange of vows and a kiss. Now we will observe you create a lasting visual representation of these promises.

The white sand represents Lisa and all that you were, all that you are, and all that you will ever be. The blue sand represents Mike and all that you were, all that you are, and all that you will ever be.

Your relationship is symbolized through the pouring of these two individual containers of sand into one container. You will note that the individual colors do not cease to exist, but that there are times when the two are blended. It is this blending that is marriage.

### **Signing**

### **Announcements**

After the ceremony could everyone please join the bride and groom in getting a group photo done at the bottom of the barn bank.

After the group photo is complete - please enjoy the cocktail hour set up in the barn. We have a tent set up for anyone wishing to sit outside as well as lawn games for your enjoyment.

It is with great pleasure that I be the first to introduce to you Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Lisa Kay. Please join me in congratulating them!

### **Recessional**