

Madison and Joshua – September 4, 2016

Welcome:

Welcome, my name is Melissa Taylor and I have the privilege of performing this ceremony today.

Josh, Madi, today is your wedding day. The day you have planned for and dreamed of. The evening will pass quickly. So throughout your wedding take moments here and there to pause and look at every detail. Remember each guest and each decoration; but, most of all, remember the laughter and joy as we celebrate your union.

Joshua and Madison wish to thank all of you for joining them to witness the commitment they are making to each other and for sharing in their excitement. You have all touched their lives in some special way and they are so happy to be able to celebrate this occasion with you.

Marriage is a commitment in life, where two people can find and bring out the very best in each other. It offers opportunities for sharing and growth that no other human relationship can equal, a physical and emotional joining that has the promise of a lifetime.

(Madison to pass bouquet to maid of honour or to Melissa to place on signing table, Joshua and Madison can now hold hands)

Reading – Hands

These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love,
that hold yours on your wedding day.

These are the hands that will work along side yours as you build your future
together.

These are the hands that will passionately love you and care for you throughout
the years.

These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief torments your mind
And with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no other.

These are the hands that will give you strength when you struggle,
And support and encouragement to chase down your dreams.

These are the hands that will, countless times, wipe the tears from yours eyes,
Tears of sorrow, and tears of joy.

And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled with age, will still be
reaching for yours,

Still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch

Intent

Joshua, do you take Madison to be your wife from this day forward? To live together and comfort her in times of need? Do you promise to build a life filled with love and laughter, sharing all that is to come? (*"I do"*)

Madison, do you take Joshua to be your husband from this day forward? To live together and comfort him in times of need? Do you promise to build a life filled with love and laughter, sharing all that is to come? (*"I do"*)

Vow Exchange

(**Madison** says vows to Joshua – personalized) (**Joshua** says vows to Madison – personalized)

Ring Exchange

May we have the rings please?

Joshua, place the ring on Madison's left hand and repeat after me: Madison, I give you this ring/ to wear upon your hand/ as a symbol of our unity/, love, respect and trust.

Madison, place the ring on Joshua 's left hand and repeat after me: Joshua, I give you this ring/ to wear upon your hand/ as a symbol of our unity/, love, respect and trust.

Pronouncement

Madison and Joshua, you have expressed your love to one another through the commitment and promises you have just made. It is with these in mind that I pronounce you husband and wife.

You have kissed a thousand times, maybe more. But today the feeling is new. No longer simply partners and best friends, you have become husband and wife. Today, your kiss is a promise. You may kiss the bride.

Marriage Certificate Signing

Announcements

Following the ceremony everyone is invited to stay in this area of the manor and enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Joshua, Madison, their families and wedding party will be taking photos but will join you again shortly to continue the celebrations.

Introduction

It is now my personal privilege and joy to be the first to introduce to you Mr. and Mrs. Joshua and Madison Stewart. Please join me in congratulating them!

Recessional