

Erika and Marty – September 13, 2014

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

Opening

Erika and Marty stand before you to declare their commitment to marriage and to celebrate with you the love they have discovered in each other. You have given them much happiness, love, warmth, and guidance through the various stages of their lives. Your presence and support of their decision to marry is invaluable. Erika and Marty wanted me to express their gratitude in this respect and they wish to thank you for joining them today.

I invite you to take many pictures throughout the ceremony in order to preserve your memories of this wonderful occasion.

Reading

I will now share with you a reading that Erika and Marty chose for this occasion.

‘Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, it does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.’

Expression of Intent

Marty, Do you take Erika to be your wife from this day forward? To live together and to 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 will*)

Erika, Do you take Marty to be your husband from this day forward? To live together and to 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 will*)

Vows (*Erika can hand flowers to maid of honour*)

The vows that Marty and Erika are about to make reflect their understanding of life’s ever-changing circumstances. Life does not always go where we plan and sometimes you just have to follow your heart. Love constantly grows as well, and Erika and Marty are prepared to grow along with it, together.

Marty – Please repeat after me:

I take you to be my best friend / My faithful partner / And my one true love.

I promise to encourage you / And inspire you / To love you truly / Through good times and bad / I will forever be there / To laugh with you / To lift you up when you are down / To love you unconditionally / Through all our adventures / In life together.

Erika – Please repeat after me:

I take you to be my best friend / My faithful partner / And my one true love.

I promise to encourage you / And inspire you / To love you truly / Through good times and bad / I will forever be there / To laugh with you / To lift you up when you are down / To love you unconditionally / Through all our adventures / In life together.

Ring Exchange

May I have the rings please?

Please repeat after me together (in unison): I give you this ring/ that you may wear it/as a symbol of the vows/ we have made this day/I pledge you my love and respect/my laughter and my tears/With all that I am I honour you.

Declaration

It is my honour and delight to declare that you are husband and wife.
You may kiss the bride.

Signing of the Register

We are now going to take a few moments to sign the Register. While we are doing so I invite Marty's aunt to share with us in French the vows that Erika and Marty exchanged. This is so that everyone here today may understand the promises that Erika and Marty made to each other.

(Bride/Maid of Honour flowers can be set on signing table for decoration. After signing girls can take flowers back)

Announcement

Following the ceremony the bridal party will be taking pictures on the grounds and refreshments will be available for everyone if you wish to stay. The hall will be open for the reception at 4pm. On behalf of our newly married couple thank you again for joining them today.

Introduction

It is now my personal privilege and joy to be the first one to introduce to you Mr. and Mrs. Marty and Erika Carrier. Please join me in congratulating them.

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