A Marriage of Trust

Good Evening Everyone and welcome to the marriage celebration for Matt and Mandi. We have come together to celebrate their joining together in this emotional and spiritual act.

Marriage consists of entrusting our deepest selves into the loving care of another. The spiritual aspect of marriage should be embraced openly, seriously, and completely, as marriage is a conscious act of will. A couple who are wed must continually renew their will to be joined and accept the Matt and Mandi commit themselves today to each other in sacred trust. They promise to embrace conflict, as well as peace; to work as well as play; to struggle as well as bask; to give as well as receive; and to be with, stay with, and move toward one another

Welcoming of the Guests:

Amid the hectic pace of today’s world, it is easy to lose site of the important things in life. This is not so for Matt and Mandi. Family and family life are very important to them. Although I am sure that you are all very happy to be here with them, they wanted very much to express how deeply grateful they are to have you both here today and in their lives. All of you are those nearest and dearest to them. You all supply them with different aspects of that which they will need to accomplish their goal of living a long and happy life together. Those of you who have the wisdom of age, it is from you whom they can seek council in times of difficulty. In the children here, they see the embodiment of their hopes and dreams for the future. And the rest of you… you are like the personal record keepers of times and places and events in their lives. Without all of you and the sharing of these events our memories would lose the scents and colors and the flavor and emotion that keeps them vibrant and alive. Without all of you the past would fade to black and white over time, so please remember that your presence here is a vital part in this celebration.

*VOWS*

Matt and Mandi – do you each enter this marriage of your own free will, free of any reason why you should not be joined? YES

Do you Matt take Mandi to be your lawfully wedded wife? Do you swear in the presence of those gathered here you will love, honor, cherish and comfort her in good times and bad forevermore? *I DO*

Do you Mandi take Matt to be your lawfully wedded husband? Do you swear in the presence of those gathered here you will love, honor, cherish and comfort him in good times and bad forevermore? *I DO*

The Rings

May I have the rings please?

You are about to present a ring to each other. The wedding ring, a complete circle, is the symbol of the completeness a husband and wife find in a marriage relationship. The ring has no beginning and no end, just as true love is never-ending. The ring also is made of precious metals, just as true love is a precious treasure. As you place the wedding ring on each other’s hand, may it not only remind you of the endless love you possess for one another, but may it also be a reminder of the precious gift that has been given you to make you complete.

Place the ring on your beloved’s finger and listen to that which I am about to say… Do you take each other to be husband and wife and partners in life, to promise above all else to live in truth with each other, to communicate fully and fearlessly, do you give each other your hand and your heart as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, and pledge your love, devotion, faith and honor as your join your lives together? *WE DO*

CLOSING WORDS

B&G, may you have many joys, and be the light of each other’s days. May all that you are, always be in love; and may all that is love, always be in you. May you always see and encourage the best in each other. May the challenges that life brings your way make your marriage grow stronger. May you always be each other’s best friend and greatest love.

PRONOUNCEMENT AND PRESENTATION

Matt and Mandi , Now that you have made your vows and promises of love and faithfulness before these witnesses, and exchanged rings of commitment as a testimony to that love, you are now as your hearts have always known: Husband and Wife, and I pronounce you partners for life.

You may kiss the bride.