

PROCESSION

Officiant:

Please stand for the bride

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Officiant:

Please be seated

Welcome, friends and family! We are gathered here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, the joining of two hearts. In this ceremony today we will witness the joining of Tasia and Barry in marriage.

For them, out of the routine of ordinary life, the extraordinary has happened. They met each other, fell in love and are finalizing it with their wedding today. Romance is fun, but true love is something far more and it is their desire to love each other for life and that is what we are celebrating here today.

But today is also a celebration for the rest of us, for it is a pleasure for us to see love in bloom, and to participate in the union of two people so delightfully suited to one another. And to have a couple of beers in the process.

The bride and groom would like to give a special thank you to their parents and their wedding party, who have loved and supported them every step of the way. Barry and Tasia would like to thank all of you for being here, and also remember those who are no longer with us. Their losses are deeply felt and their spirits are missed. Tasia and Barry would have been proud to have shared a beer or cocktail with them on this day.

So let's get on with it already!

READING

Officiant: Ad lib about why we have such short readings!

You can give without loving

But you can never love without giving
The great acts of love are done by those who are habitually performing
small acts of kindness.
We pardon to the extent we love.
Love is knowing that even when you are alone you will never be lonely
again.
And great happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved.
Loved for ourselves and even loved in spite of ourselves. --Victor Hugo

There are no happy endings.
Endings are the saddest part,
So just give me a happy middle
And a very happy start. -- Shel Silverstein

Tasia and Barry, I would ask that you always treat yourself and each other
with respect, and remind yourselves often of what brought you together
today. If each of you will take responsibility for the quality of your life
together, it will be marked by abundance and happiness.

VOWS

Officiant:

The vows you are about to make are a way to share your love and
commitment to each other. The vows are your way of openly declaring
your promise to one another as well as to all of those who are here in
attendance today. Ladies first.

Tasia to receive vows from Maid of Honor and read:

Barry, I take you to be my husband
I promise to love and care for you,
I will try in every way to be worthy of your love.
I will always be honest with you, kind, patient, and forgiving
I promise to comfort you when the Buffs lose and drink beer with you when
they win
I promise to try to be on time... (*tasia to say: but still tell me I need to be
ready 15min earlier than I actually do*)

But most of all, I promise to be a true and loyal friend to you (Tasia to say: I love you)

Barry to receive vows from Best Man and read:

Tasia, I take you to be my wife

I promise to love and care for you,

I will try in every way to be worthy of your love.

I will always be honest with you, kind, patient, and forgiving

I promise to always protect you from spiders and snakes

I promise to always have on hand blue chapstick in case you forget yours

But most of all, I promise to be a true and loyal friend to you (Barry to say: I love you)

BEFORE EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Officiant:

Tasia and Barry, please take each other's hands.

These are the hands of your best friend, young, strong and full of love for you

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.

That will wipe away countless tears - of joy and of sorrow

And these are the hands that, even, when wrinkled with age, will still reach out to hold yours.

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Best Man to provide rings:

Tasia and Barry will now exchange rings to symbolize their commitment.

Rings are derived from humble beginnings of imperfect metal to create something striking where there was once nothing at all. It is customarily worn on the ring finger as it is the only finger with a vein running directly to the heart. The wearing of the rings is a visible outward sign that they have committed themselves to one another.

Tasia, please take Barry's hand and repeat after me.

Tasia repeat after me:

I give you this ring as a reminder that I will love you for all of the days, wear it and think of me, and know that I love you

Barry, please take Tasia's hand and repeat after me.

Barry repeat after me.

I give you this ring as a reminder that I will love you for all of the days, wear it and think of me, and know that I love you.

QUESTION PART

Officiant:

Tasia and Barry you have professed your love by exchanging your vows. You have symbolized your commitment by exchanging rings. With all of this there is just one more question I need each of you to answer and then we're off to the reception to celebrate.

Will you, Tasia, keep Barry as your favorite person--to laugh with him, go on adventures with him, support him through life's tough moments, be proud of him, grow old with him, and find new reasons to love him every day?

Tasia: I will

Officiant:

Will you, Barry, keep Tasia as your favorite person--to laugh with her, go on adventures with her, support her through life's tough moments, be proud of her, grow old with her, and find new reasons to love her every day?

Barry: I will

PRONOUNCEMENT

Officiant:

Now because you have pledged your love to one another in marriage, by the power vested in me by the State of California, it gives me great joy to pronounce you husband and wife

You may now kiss each other.

For the first time ever I present to you Mr. and Mrs. Gartin.

Now let's go drink some beer!

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