



Kerin and Chris

Top of Cathedral Ledge

July 27, 2002, 5:30 AM

PROCESSIONAL: Justice of the Peace, Kim;
Bride walked down the aisle by son of the groom.
Groom waiting.

WELCOME: Brother of the Bride, Dan, will welcome everyone and encourage them to stand in a semi-circle.

MEDITATION: Led by Chris

DESCRIPTION OF MARRIAGE: Read by Kim:

"Marriage symbolizes the intimate sharing of two lives, yet this sharing must not diminish but enhance the individuality of each partner. A marriage that lasts is one which is continually developing and in which each person is individually developing, while growing in understanding of the other. Deep knowledge of another is not something that can be achieved in a short time, and real understanding of the other's feelings can develop fully only with years of intimacy.

This wonderful knowledge of another person grows out of really caring for the other so much that one wants to understand as completely as possible what the other is feeling. Thus it is possible to share not only joys and successes but also the burden of sorrows and failures. To be known in this way is a priceless thing, because such understanding and acceptance make it easier to live with our problems and failings and worries. But, again, while marriage is the intimate sharing of two lives, it can yet enhance the differences and individuality of each partner.

We must give ourselves in love, but we must not give ourselves away. A good and balanced relationship is one in which neither person is overpowered or absorbed by the other. Thus it is out of the tension between separateness and union that love, whose incredible strength is equal only to its incredible fragility, is born and reborn.

READINGS: Kim says...Kerin and Chris have chosen two readings that are special to them.
For the first one, Sally Fiore, Mother of the Bride, will read the Wedding Song.

And now, a poem, All Paths Lead to You, will be read by Mother of the Groom, Jody.

INTENTIONS: Read by Kim

"Chris, will you have Kerin as your wife, in times of good fortune as well as adversity, forsaking all others to be a kind and faithful husband? Do you promise to base your life with Kerin on love, caring, and understanding? Do you pledge to speak and to listen, to give and to receive, and to be considerate of her wishes and desires?

Chris: I WILL

"Kerin, will you have Chris as your husband, in times of good fortune as well as adversity, forsaking all others to be a kind and faithful wife? Do you promise to base your life with Chris on love, caring and understanding? Do you pledge to speak and to listen, to give and to receive, and to be considerate of his wishes and desires?

Kerin: I WILL

SONG: Kim says...Now Erin Sylvester will sing Annie's Song, by John Denver.

BASKET: Dan will pass the basket



VOWS: Kim says...Please turn and face each other, as you recite your vows. **They will say them.**

Chris says: “We have come together to make a marriage of our true friendship and love.
We shall share with each other in gladness,
comfort each other in sorrow,
and be one with each other in the memories of our life.
We shall make a home of the place where we dwell,
and there we shall gather wisdom
and joy from the seasons of life.
Kerin, you are my best friend.
Today, we take a new step as we join together as husband and wife.
I take you to be my wife,
to love and accept you as you are.
I promise to be your partner, from this day forward
and for as long as we both shall live.

Kerin says: “We have come together to make a marriage of our true friendship and love.
We shall share with each other in gladness,
comfort each other in sorrow,
and be one with each other in the memories of our life.
We shall make a home of the place where we dwell,
and there we shall gather wisdom
and joy from the seasons of life.
Chris, you are my best friend.
Today, we take a new step as we join together as husband and wife.
I take you to be my husband,
to love and accept you as you are.
I promise to be your partner, from this day forward
and for as long as we both shall live.

EXCHANGE OF RINGS: Read by Kim

“The rings which you are about to exchange mark the beginning of a long and wonderful journey together. They are a symbol of eternity, a circle which has no end. Let your rings serve as a reminder of this day you have chosen and of the love that you share. As a ring is unbroken, so too will your love for each other be without end. May your life together express a growing unity with this exchange.

Kim takes the rings from Dan and then hands one to Chris.

“Chris, as you place the ring on Kerin’s finger, please repeat after me:

Kerin, the words I say to you now, are words I say in friendship, respect and love.
I see in you a strong, growing partner,
The person with whom I wish to share my life
I offer you all the days before me,
No matter what may come our way.
I choose you as my wife,

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Take this ring as a symbol of my commitment.

“Kerin, as you place the ring on Chris’s finger, please repeat after me:

Chris, the words I say to you now, are words I say in friendship, respect and love.
I see in you a strong, growing partner,
The person with whom I wish to share my life
I offer you all the days before me,
No matter what may come our way.
I choose you as my husband,
Take this ring as a symbol of my commitment.

PRONOUNCEMENT: Also read by Kim “Today we are privileged to share with Kerin and Chris, the moment they begin their new life together. In the years ahead, may they always apply tenderness and strength to the trials that may befall them. May their love and compassion serve to guide them with openness and acceptance through the unpredictability of life. May they remember to rejoice in good times and good fortune and may they always appreciate the life they found with each other.

CLOSING: Read by Kim

And now, it gives me great privilege to say, By the power vested in me, by the state of New Hampshire, I now pronounce you Husband and Wife. You may now kiss the bride.

Dan will read the Apache Song, no intro needed.