

Wendy and Joel  
October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
2:30 pm

*As guests enter, band plays reels.  
Ushers (Matt and JT) escort guests to seats.*

*Procession -  
Joel stands up at ceremony spot with Kim.*

*Wedding procession (music TBD) –  
Diana with Paul  
Lindsay with Andrew  
Siobhan with Welly  
Michelle with Brendan*

*They line up at the front with Siobhan, Michelle, and Brendan on Wendy's side and Andrew, Welly, and Paul on Joel's side. Parents and grandparents are sitting in the front row (mother of bride (Lindsay) and mother of the groom and processes in; father of the bride is John and processes with Wendy; the groom's parents and grandparents will be there before the procession starts).*

## **Would you all please rise**

Slip Jig plays.  
Wendy and her father walk together down aisle.

John kisses Wendy on cheek and sits down.

## **Please be seated everyone**

### Gathering Words:

Welcome! We have come here today to celebrate the wedding of Wendy and Joel. On behalf of the couple, I would like to thank you for joining us on this magnificent day in New Hampshire. They appreciate the time it took many of you to travel to this location, and they are delighted that you have come to share in their joy, on this special day.

By your presence, you celebrate with them the love they have discovered in each other and will be witness to their commitment to a lifelong relationship. Whether you were born into their

families or have become family through years of love and laughs, they are grateful for your support today and in the years to come.

In particular, Joel and Wendy would like to recognize their parents on this occasion. They offer their gratitude for all of the love and care their parents demonstrated in raising them and for creating such loving, supportive families for them to emulate in the future.

**Story:**

They have chosen this beautiful countryside to begin their married life together as it represents the seven years they have spent together, seeking out mountains, lakes, and forests as places of joy, respite, discovery, and shared love.

They wanted to share with you the beauty of this area, because it is in such places where their hearts have made their home. From the sea-sprayed coasts of Wales to the wild peaks of Montana, Joel and Wendy have grown together and found deep love and support in each other. Today, their lives, which began on separate paths, will be joined as one.

**Reading/Music:**

I would like to welcome Lindsay, the bride's mother, to read a poem that she has selected for the couple.

Lindsay stands and comes to the front. Couple sit next to each other on a bench conveniently located. Kim remains standing.

Thank you, Lindsay. And now we will have an Irish air from the musicians.

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**Declaration of Intention and Support:**

Wendy and Joel, with friends and family as witnesses, do you present yourselves willingly and of your own accord to be joined in marriage?

*We do.*

Will you promise to care for each other in the joys and sorrows of life, to be kind and faithful to each other, and to base your life together on love, caring, and understanding?

*We will.*

Will the parents of the bride and groom will please rise.

Will you continue to love, support, and respect Wendy and Joel in their marriage and in their journey through life?

*Parents: We will.*

Thank you, you may be seated.

**Vows:**

Joel, please repeat after me.

I, Joel, take you Wendy  
to be my wife, my partner, and my one true love.  
I will treasure our friendship  
and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

I will trust you and grow with you in mind and spirit.  
I will laugh with you and cry with you  
and love you faithfully through the best and the worst.  
I promise to cherish you  
and walk with you under the trees we love so dearly  
for all of our years to come.

Wendy, please repeat after me.

I, Wendy take you Joel  
to be my husband, my partner, and my one true love.  
I will treasure our friendship  
and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.  
I will trust you and grow with you in mind and spirit.  
I will laugh with you and cry with you  
and love you faithfully through the best and the worst.  
I promise to cherish you  
and walk with you under the trees we love so dearly  
for all of our years to come.

### **Ring Exchange:**

May I have the rings please?

*[Andrew hands rings to Kim.]*

Let your rings be a reminder of the promises that you have given to each other, and of the love that you share. As each ring is unbroken, so will your love for each other be without end.

Joel, as you place the ring on Wendy's finger, please repeat after me:

I give you this ring as a sign that I choose you.  
Please wear it, think of me, and know that I love you.

Wendy, as you place the ring on Joel's finger, please repeat after me:

I give you this ring as a sign that I choose you.  
Please wear it, think of me, and know that I love you.

**Closing:**

Today, we are privileged to share with Wendy and Joel a moment of supreme joy in the new life they now begin together. And now, it gives me great pleasure 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.'

*IRISH REEL!!!*