

The Wedding of Rocio and Adrian Martin

May 10, 2016

1 Processional Introductory Music

2 Welcome Statement

Welcome to this day of celebration, it's great to have all of you here to witness the union of Rocio and Adrian as wife and husband before friends and family. Together, we will share in the joys of their wedding, both with the outward celebration of this occasion and with an internal appreciation for the love that surrounds us. Rocio and Adrian, you two have the opportunity to build an amazing life together. You are blessed to share this experience with the loved ones gathered here to support you as you embark on this journey together. Marriage is, truly, a magical gift.

In the words of the novelist Mark Twain,

Marriage makes of two fractional lives a whole, and it gives to two purposeless lives a work [...] it gives to two questioning natures a reason for living, and something to live for; it will give a new gladness to the sunshine, a new fragrance to the flowers, a new beauty to the Earth, a new mystery to life.

May you all remember and cherish this ceremony, for on this day, with love, we will forever bind Rocio and Adrian together.

3 Speak Now

If there is anyone in attendance who has cause to believe that this couple should not be joined in marriage, we'd like to thank you for stopping by, and remind you that the exits are in the back.

4 Wedding Sermon

Marriage is more than a simple exchanging of rings or combining of material assets. Rather, it is an indescribably powerful shared commitment. While today I will legally bind you together, the truly important bonds we form today are largely invisible to the world, existing primarily in the unfilled corners of your heart. Marriage is one of life's greatest gifts, and it is a blessing to make these promises with your soulmate. As you hold onto one another, you will find deeper levels of joy, happiness and peace together. Your marriage is the foundation upon which you will build the rest of your lives and, despite any adversity, will always be there to sustain you.

Rocio and Adrian, take a moment to sense the tremendous amount of love radiating throughout this space. As you stand here today before those gathered here in your honor, and before one another, take note that after you speak your vows this day your lives will never be the same. Marriage, regardless of any preconceived notions you might have, has the capacity to deepen and challenge and strengthen you and your relationship in ways that you never thought possible.

The joy you'll find as you pursue your shared lives will fuel you to face head-on the challenges you'll encounter on this Earth. On your journeys together, keep your spouse in the place of highest priority in your heart. Learn to work together, to laugh together, and to love together. Don't get caught up in worldly things that will draw you apart. Instead, focus on your shared devotion and turn inward. As your relationship strengthens you will find that you come to share a remarkable love; one that is both abundantly given and freely accepted.

5 Consecration

As we celebrate this bond of unity, it is important that we keep in mind that, while this is certainly an occasion of tremendous joy, the promises we witness here today are serious and life-altering commitments.

Physicist Carl Sagan once said:

The world is so exquisite with so much love and moral depth. We should remain grateful every day for the brief but magnificent opportunity that life provides. The sum of all our evolution, our thinking and our accomplishments is love.

It is with simultaneous feelings of elation and expressions of respect that we proceed with this ceremony.

6 Exchange of Vows

Rocio and Adrian, I now invite you to publicly speak your commitment to one another.

6.1 Bride

Rocio, would you please repeat after me:

Adrian, today I take you to be my husband; I join my life with yours.
I promise to love and to honor you; to treasure and respect you;
I vow to be honest, loving, and faithful;
to love you as you are, and to grow old by your side as your love and best friend.
I give you my hand, my heart, and my love, from this day forward.

6.2 Groom

Adrian, would you please repeat after me:

Rocio, today I take you to be my wife; I join my life with yours.
I promise to love and to honor you; to treasure and respect you;
I vow to be honest, loving, and faithful;
to love you as you are, and to grow old by your side as your love and best friend.
I give you my hand, my heart, and my love, from this day forward.

7 Declaration of Intent

Rocio and Adrian please join hands.

Rocio, do you take Adrian to live together in the union of marriage? To take him as your best friend and partner in life? To honor, cherish, and love him, from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, for all of your days?

Rocio: I do.

Adrian, do you take Rocio to live together in the union of marriage? To take her as your best friend and partner in life? To honor, cherish, and love her, from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, for all of your days?

Adrian: I do.

8 Exchange of Rings Minister

The wedding ring's circular shape reflects the unending power of love – a force with no beginning and no end. You should wear these rings proudly, and let them remind you each day of your commitment to one another.

Please repeat after me:

I, Rocio, give you Adrian this ring as a symbol of my love. As I place it on your finger, I commit the whole of my heart and soul to you. I promise to cherish you for the rest of my days. I give you all that I am, and accept all that you are.

I, Adrian, give you Rocio this ring as a symbol of my love. As I place it on your finger, I commit the whole of my heart and soul to you. I promise to cherish you for the rest of my days. I give you all that I am, and accept all that you are.

9 Pronouncement

Family and friends, by the power vested in me by the Universal Life Church and by the state of Florida, I am pleased to pronounce Rocio and Adrian as wife and husband, sealed together today both in law and in love.

10 Kiss

Adrian, the part you've been waiting for, you may now kiss your bride.

11 Presentation

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my privilege to present to you for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian and Rocio Martin!

12 Recessional ~ Exit Music