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# **Introduction and Welcome**

Hello! Its truely an honored that you have chosen to spend your time here with us, celebrating the union of Emily Vallandingham and Christopher Jedras.

# **First Reading**

#### **Love Lives**

## John Clare (1793-1864)

Love lives beyond

The tomb, the earth, which fades like dew.

I love the fond,

The faithful, and the true

Love lives in sleep,

The happiness of healthy dreams

Eve's dews may weep,

But love delightful seems.

'Tis heard in spring

When light and sunbeams, warm and kind,

On angels' wing

Bring love and music to the mind.

And where is voice,

So young, so beautiful and sweet

As nature's choice,

Where Spring and lovers meet?

Love lives beyond

The tomb, the earth, the flowers, and dew.

I love the fond,

The faithful, young and true.

# **Second Reading**

## **Truth and Beauty**

### John Hogben

Two souls there are in nature and in life -

The soul of Beauty and the soul of Truth;

Towards which we yearn and strain with restless strife,

Along paths fraught with malice or with ruth; -

In the red face of ridicule and scorn,

Men sought, and still must seek these - or within,

(In spite of all earth's sorrow and her sin),

The soul is to search and manner born.

And still, in looking Beauty in the face,

With strong Prophetic joy we recognise

Something of what we may be, as we trace

Our own dim shadow in her lustrous eyes;

Nor may we part such with a dull harsh rule -

Beauty is true and Truth is Beautiful!

# **Exchange of Vows**

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# **Third Reading**

## **Marriage Advise**

### Jane Wells (1886)

Let your love be stronger than your hate or anger. Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend a little than to break. Believe the best rather than the worst. People have a way of living up or down to your opinion of them. Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting relationship. The person you choose to marry is deserving of the courtesies and kindness you bestow on your friends. Please hand this down to your children and your children's children.

# **Exchange of Rings**

## **Pronouncement**

By the power invested in me by the state of Massachusetts, on this beautiful day, the first of June, 2013, , I am wonderfully happy to announce you man and wife.

You may kiss my sister.

### [turn to audience]

May I introduce to you, Mr and Mrs. Emily and Christopher Jedras.

[cheers]