



WELCOME TO THE
WEDDING OF

Sanjana

&

Justin

October 5, 2024

Elkhart, IN, USA

Ceremony Program

1. Justin's Entrance

Justin enters the mantap, where the wedding rituals will take place, and is welcomed by Sanjana's family.



2. Sanjana's Entrance

Sanjana enters the mantap, escorted by her maternal aunt, Priya, and uncle, Ananth. She and Justin are separated by a cloth called an antarapata and can not see each other yet.



3. Jeerige-Bella

As the antarapata is lowered, Sanjana and Justin shower each other with cumin (jeerige) and jaggery (bella), representing their unity through bitter and sweet times of life.



4. Vara Mala

Sanjana and Justin exchange garlands (malas) three times, symbolizing their acceptance of each other as life partners.

5. Ganesha Puja

The wedding ceremony begins with a prayer (puja) to Lord Ganesha to ensure that the ceremony is free from obstacles.



6. Kankana Bandhana



A sacred thread blessed by their parents is tied around the wrists of Sanjana and Justin, symbolizing their commitment to each other.

7. Dhaare

Sanjana & Justin's hands are joined together. A coconut is placed in their palm, and water is sprinkled over it, signifying their union.



8. Mangalasutra Dharane



Justin ties a mangalasutra ("auspicious thread") around Sanjana's neck with 3 knots, symbolizing their spiritual, mental, and physical union.



9. Saptapadi

The end of Sanjana's saree, called a sergu, is tied to Justin's scarf. They then take 7 steps together (sapta = 7, padi = steps in Sanskrit), one for each hope for marriage.

Seven Hopes for Marriage

1. Nourishing food
2. Spiritual, emotional, and physical strength
3. Wealth
4. Love and respect
5. Children
6. Long lives
7. Companionship, friendship, and loyalty



10. Laaja Homa

Sanjana and Justin pour puffed rice into the fire to pray for happiness and prosperity. Sanjana's cousin, Sameer, assists them, representing the joining of their families.



11. Ashirwad

Guests are invited to bless Sanjana and Justin for a happy married life.



Thank you for celebrating our wedding with us :)

Please share your photos throughout the evening with us and other guests!



Please also find the dinner seating chart here.

Guest Photos



Seating Chart

