

Sarah & Jane's Marriage Ceremony

Procession (with music)

- Jane, best man, two boys (their children)
- Sarah, Sarah's mom

Welcome

Eron: "Family and friends, on behalf of Sarah and Jane, I welcome you to this marriage ceremony. We are here today to celebrate the joining together of this whole family. It's a day that has been anticipated by these two for years, and we celebrate their steadfast love. Jane and Sarah's union is affirmed today not only in the eyes of you who are witnessing, but also in the entire state of Washington. We are gathered to share in the joy Sarah and Jane experience as they further solidify their commitment to each other, and to the family they have created."

Questions of Intent and Vows

Eron: "As an expression that your souls are joined together in love, will you please join your hands and face each other? Jane, do you choose Sarah to be your wife, companion, and friend, and to hold her in respect and love for the rest of your life?"

Jane: "I do"

Eron: "Sarah, do you choose Jane to be your wife, companion, and friend, and to hold her in respect and love for the rest of your life?"

Sarah: "I do"

Eron: "Jane, Repeat after me: (I will say a little section at a time and you repeat what I say) 'I Jane take you Sarah to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; in joy and in sorrow; to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live.'

Sarah, repeat after me: 'I Sarah take you Jane to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; in joy and in sorrow; to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live.'"

Intent of the Witnesses

Eron: "As Sarah and Jane have joined their lives, it's important to understand that many others have played a part in shaping their lives, and will play a vital role here forward. And so [Sarah's mom] and [best man] are here not only to witness their vows to each other, but also bestow upon them their own commitment. [Sarah's mom and best man], do you stand up for this couple and pledge, now and forever, to support and strengthen this marriage by upholding Sarah and Jane with your love and concern? Please respond with 'We do!'" ("We do!")

Rings Exchange

Eron: "[The children], will you bring us the wedding rings? The wedding ring symbolizes unity, a circle unbroken, without beginning or end. [The children] are holding rings that Jane and Sarah will exchange as a confirmation of their vows to work at all times to create a life that is complete and unbroken, and to love each other unconditionally. May all who witness recognize these as a symbol of your love and fidelity."

“Jane, take the ring and place it on Sarah’s finger, repeating after me: With this ring I thee wed. I offer you my hand and my heart, as I know they will be safe with you. All that I am I give to you and all that I have I share with you.”

“Sarah, take the ring and place it on Jane’s finger, repeating after me: With this ring I thee wed. I offer you my hand and my heart, as I know they will be safe with you. All that I am I give to you and all that I have I share with you.”

Eron: “Jane and Sarah, you have given and pledged your promises to each other, and have declared your everlasting love by exchanging the rings. Your vows may have been spoken in minutes, but your promises to each other will continue until your last breath. As you have pledged yourselves to meet sorrow and happiness as one family before this community of friends and family, we are all in agreement when I say, you may now kiss your beloved!”
Kiss!

Presentation

Eron: “Ladies and gentlemen, I delight in presenting to you Jane and Sarah Smith!”

Recessional

Jane, Sarah, the boys, and then best man and Sarah’s mom