

The Marriage of Robby & Alannah

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Music to play: You and me – lifehouse

Naming ceremony

Good morning everyone, my name is Adrian Downey, I would like to welcome you all here on this special day. It is my pleasure to welcome you here today to share with this family a very special occasion.

Alannah and Robby wish to express their joy in the birth of this child. and to officially welcome her into their family unit, and to the wider family of relatives and friends. Alannah and Robby would like you all to share their joy on this happy occasion and they look forward to your continuing friendship, interest and involvement in the years ahead.

A child brings her own unique personality, and adds new dimension to the family unit. Alannah and Robby will always find something new to laugh at or admire.

Alannah and Robby are also aware of the great responsibility that is now theirs. A great deal of their lives will be involved in caring for their child and guiding her through the years to come.

Readings

Adrian - It is true that life is a family affair, and that the family is the most important relationship of life. It is mainly in the home that the heart is opened, the habits are formed, the intellect is awakened, and the character moulded for good or evil.

The family is responsible for it's own, for keeping, for caring, for loving, for teaching, for training, for taking all the time it takes. For what better purpose is there to take time for? What could be more meaningful? Where could we better invest for the future, than in our families?

Let there be love at home. Let there be tenderness and teaching and caring for, and not a shifting of responsibility onto others. Never be too busy for what matters most – the family.

Blessings

I would like to call upon Brooklyn's godmother Melissa to do blessing for Brooklyn.

Melissa – Brooklyn today we officially welcome you. We wish you a long life and much happiness.

May you face all challenges that come to you as a person
of integrity

May you continue to bring great joy to your parents, your grandparents, family, friends, and to all those who come to know you.

May beauty delight you and happiness uplift you.

May wonder fulfil you and love surround you.

May your step be steady and your arm be strong.

May your heart be peaceful and your word be true.
May you seek to learn, may you learn to live.
May you live to love, and may you love – always.

I would like to call upon Brooklyn's godfather Curtis to do blessing for Brooklyn.

Curtis – Babies are angels that fly to Earth
Their wings disappear at the time of their birth
One look in their eyes and we are never the same
They're part of us now and that part has a name
That part is your heart and a bond that won't sever
Our babies are Angels, we love them forever

I would like to call upon Brooklyn's godmother Elissa to do blessing for Brooklyn.

Elissa – Bless this little girl,
Let her grow healthy and strong;
And when she face indecision;
Help to show her right from wrong.

Bless this little girl,
Let love fill her life;
And while you watch over her;
Keep her free from strife.

Bless this little girl,
Keep her happy, safe and warm;
And when she faces danger,
Steer her away from harm.

Bless this little girl,
Teach her patience and trust;
And if she follows the wrong path,
Show her that the life best lived is honest.

Bless this little girl,
Let her discover the things she loves;
And when her days are dark,
Show her the beauty the world is made of,

Bless this little girl,
Tell her not to be afraid;
And if she feels hopeless
Let her faith never fade.

Promises

Adrian: A child is not a blank form to be moulded, but rather a seed, containing what it will become within it. It is the role of the gardener, then to ask, "How do I help it grow into what it is in its roots?"

Alannah and Robby will now make their promises as parents, accepting their responsibilities to Brooklyn, and expressing their love for her and their hopes for her future.

Alannah: We are your parents and we will care for you.

We promise to reveal the adventure of life.

We will love you unconditionally.

We promise to teach you about joy and humour.

Robby: We are your parents and we will care for you.

We promise to embrace your hopes and dreams.

We promise to open our hearts fully to your love.

We promise to guide you, respect you and protect you.

Ceremony

Adrian: Will the Mother of the infant please bring the child forward.

Family and friends, I ask you to look upon this infant. She is the newest member of our family. She will grow strong and healthy surrounded by our love and nurturing. For her to be a part of our lives we must have a name by which to call her.

What is this child named?

Alannah/Robby: This child is to be named Brooklyn.

Adrian: Brooklyn, welcome to our hearts and homes.

Adrian: Brooklyn, your parents have chosen this gift to bless you with. This gift symbolises love which they hope will help you to find in your life.

Adrian: Will the Godparents please step forward?

Elissa, Curtis and Melissa, the parents of Brooklyn value your morals and believe that each of you have much you can teach Brooklyn.

They would ask that you serve as the teachers and guardians of Brooklyn in the event that they are no longer able to.

Will you accept this responsibility and honour?

Godparents: We would be honoured to.

Conclusion

We came today to welcome a child, to recognise a family, and to acknowledge our responsibility to the next generation. We have achieved this and more. We are blessed by the spirit of joy, the intertwined lives of family and friends, and the love and support for Brooklyn and her parents.

Brooklyn, may you be a light for yourself and others.

May the long time sun shine upon you,
May all love surround you,
And may the sweet light within you guide your way
on.

Relatives and friends, I am honoured to introduce to you the new family Robby, Alannah and Brooklyn!

Wedding Introduction.....

I am also the celebrant for Alannah and Robby's marriage ceremony. I would like to welcome you all here on this special day.

Today is special for Alannah and Robby – They have chosen this day to publicly confess their abiding love for each other. A love they intend to embrace all the days of their lives.

They understand the significance of the vows they soon will take and they are eager to move into the next part of their journey together.

Alannah and Robby have chosen us to be the people before whom they declare their love, their intentions and their commitment. They wish to thank you for sharing this day with them.

Alannah and Robby in the joining of your lives together in marriage you will be walking the same road together. You met as individuals and as you share your lives, allow each other room to grow and so become greater individuals.

Offer strength and encouragement when it is needed. Praise each other's efforts and realise their failures. Acknowledge all achievements, however small. Convey any thoughts, confident that they will go no further.

Express your fears and doubts without reservation. For it is trust and communication that will support and strengthen your bond of love and friendship and pave the road you will travel.

It is one of life's richest surprises when the accidental meeting of two life paths leads them to a common path as husband and wife.

Giving Away

Who brings Alannah to be married to Robby?

"I Do"

Reading

Marriage is a commitment to life, the best that two people can find and bring out in each other. It offers opportunities for sharing and growth that no other relationship can equal. It is a physical and an emotional joining that is promised for a lifetime.

Within the circle of its love, marriage encompasses all of life's most important relationships. A wife and a husband are each other's best friend, confidant, lover, teacher, listener and critic. And there may come times when one partner is heartbroken or ailing, and the love of the other may resemble the tender caring of a parent for a child.

Marriage deepens and enriches every facet of life. Happiness is fuller, memories are fresher, commitment is stronger, even anger is felt more strongly, and passes away more quickly.

Marriage understands and forgives the mistakes life is unable to avoid. It encourages and nurtures new life, new experiences, and new ways of expressing a love that is deeper than life.

When two people pledge their love and care for each other in marriage, they create a spirit unique unto themselves which binds them closer than any spoken or written words. Marriage is a promise, a potential made in the hearts of two people who love each other and takes a lifetime to fulfill.

Monitum of Marriage

Before I join you Alannah and Robby in marriage I am required to state that I am duly authorised by Law to solemnize marriage according to Law.

Before you are joined in marriage in my presence and in the presence of these witnesses, I am to remind you of the solemn & binding nature of the relationship into which you are now about to enter

Marriage, according to law in Australia, is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

The Asking

Adrian to Robby

Do you, Robby, take Alannah to be your lawful wedded wife? Will you love her, comfort her, honour her and keep her, in sickness and health and forsaking all others, keep only unto her, so long as you both shall live?

Robby: I Do.

Adrian to Alannah

Do you, Alannah take Robby to be your lawful wedded Husband? Will you love him, comfort him, honour him and keep him, in sickness and health and forsaking all others, keep only unto him, so long as you both shall live?

Alannah: I Do

Vows (holding hands)

Adrian to Robby

[Repeat after me]

I ask the people hear present to witness that I Robby take you Alannah to be my lawful wedded Wife. To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish for as long as we both shall live.

Adrian to Alannah

[Repeat after me]

I ask the people hear present to witness that I Alannah take you Robby to be my lawful wedded husband. To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish for as long as we both shall live.

Rings

You are symbolising your marriage by the exchange of rings, may I please have the rings?

Robby; please take the ring for Alannah and while placing it on her finger repeat after me;

With this ring I thee wed.

Alannah; please take the ring for Robby and while placing it on his finger repeat after me;

With this ring I thee wed.

Declaration of Marriage

We have this afternoon been privileged to hear Robby and Alannah make special promises to each other, we have heard them make vows to each other and we have witnessed the giving and receiving of rings.

And so as duly authorised it is my great honor and privilege to declare them Husband and Wife.

Robby you may now kiss your bride.

The Signing of the Register (and Naming Certificate)

I now invite Robby, Alannah and their witnesses along with their witnesses and the Godparents to join me as we sign the register and certificates.

Music to play: Angel of Mine – Monica

Candle lighting

I now invite Robby and Alannah to light their family candle.

The Presentation

It gives me great pleasure to now present the certificate of marriage and naming certificate to Robby, Alannah and Brooklyn. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming as I now present;

Robby, Alannah and Brooklyn