

CHRISSY & AARON'S CEREMONY

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Please turn off or mute your cell phones.

Please rise.

[Kiss dad on cheek]

You may be seated. Welcome to Chrissy and Aaron's wedding...We realize you're probably thinking, "How cool could a Monday wedding really be?" Well...let me assure you this wedding is going to be off the hook [cue to caterers to bring out beers, tray-passed]. Caterers, please bring Chrissy & Aaron's guests some ice cold beer! We've got some pale ale from the Stone Brewing Company in San Diego coming out for you.

While we are all enjoying these fine frosted brews, we are going to perform what is known as a ring warming. This is how it works...Aaron & Chrissy's wedding rings are inside this lovely wooden box, and we are going to pass it around to each & everyone of you. As you briefly hold their rings before passing them on to the person seated next to you, send the rings all of your best wishes for Chrissy & Aaron. Fill their rings with your love for them & your hopes for their future. We will super charge these rings with all of our best intentions so that when Aaron & Chrissy put them on at the end of the ceremony, the vibes of the wedding day and this specially assembled group will always flow through them as long as the rings are on their fingers. Please hold the rings for just about 10 seconds, so we can get them back up here to the front within about ten minutes.

We will have the couple who has been married the longest start off the blessing of the rings...that would be Chrissy's parents, Dave & Michelle. They will be married 44 years the day after Christmas this year. [I bring the rings to Dave & Michelle, who are seated in the front row, next to the aisle.]

As we pass the rings around, it is my pleasure to bring up to the microphone Groomsman Wilson Yoo-week-o for a toast. Make sure you've still got some beer left in your glasses there. [Wilson speaks 4-5 minutes, rings should be about half way through the crowd]

Thank you, Wilson.

My advice to Aaron & Chrissy is pretty simple....marriage is very much like the craft beer we are enjoying today. What you put in is what you will get out. If you invest the time to learn the proper brewing process, develop the patience to wait for results, and seek out only the finest ingredients, your marriage—like a fine microbrew—will show it. Just like when you leave beer setting out, getting warm...if you neglect your marriage, failing to care for it—it too will get



bitter and flat. On the other hand, if you rely on your marriage too heavily, losing your individual self, well, they have twelve step meetings for that.

For a couple that met while working together at a very romantic waste-water treatment plant, I would imagine that you are both very familiar with the intricacies that can take something from being the liquid of life to toxic sludge.....And, no, nobody bet me that I couldn't squeeze the phrase 'toxic sludge' into a wedding ceremony someday!

Aaron, are you ready to craft, with Chrissy, your very own brew...that only the two of you will ever know the true flavor of?.....Repeat after me:

I, Aaron, take you Chrissy, to be my lawfully wedded wife / for better or for worse / for richer or for poorer / in sickness and in health / I promise to give you / the very best of myself / my time & my love / This is my solemn vow.

And, Aaron, do you promise to love, honor, & cherish Chrissy as your wife until death do you part? [I do]

And Chrissy, are you ready to join Aaron?.....Repeat after me:

I, Chrissy, take you Aaron, to be my lawfully wedded husband / for better or for worse / for richer or for poorer / in sickness and in health / I promise to give you / the very best of myself / my time + my love / This is my solemn vow.

Chrissy, do you promise to love, honor, & cherish Aaron as your husband until death do you part? [I do]

PLAN B IF RINGS ARE STILL IN THE CROWD:

And now I'd like to read the lyrics from one of Chrissy & Aaron's favorite songs. This will actually be the last dance tonight. It's called "Our Love Survives" by The Thermals.

our love is true
it's why we fight
what we defend
though our love is new
and still beginning
it will be the end
the world we knew
washed away
the life we led
led us astray
now we face
our greatest foe
but we fear not
for we know
our love survives
it will never die



it will outlive the earth
the sun and the sky
our love destroys
anything in our way
from the cities we burned
to the fools we betray
our love survives
it will always be
no matter if we die
or we live eternally
our love survives

It looks like Chrissy & Aaron's rings have come full circle. We'd like to finish by having the couple here today who has been married the shortest amount of time do the final blessing.

Best Man Jessie Mountjoy & Bridesmaid Taylor Mountjoy were married on July 12, 2014...a mere 107 days ago. Will you be the last people to warm the rings before Chrissy & Aaron put them on? [I give rings to Jessie + Taylor, then they give them back to me.]

Aaron, repeat after me:

I give you this ring / that is now full of more love & joy / than we can imagine / as a sign of my love & devotion / it is my gift to you / wear it & always think of me.

Chrissy, repeat after me:

I give you this ring / that is now full of more love & joy / than we can imagine / as a sign of my love & devotion / it is my gift to you / wear it & always think of me.

I'd like to ask all of your guests to raise their glasses at this time...as I pronounce you husband & wife. You may kiss the bride!

[Aaron & Chrissy kiss. I hand them their beers.]

Ladies & gentlemen, please raise your glasses. In their first act as husband and wife, Mr. & Mrs. Mountjoy will enjoy this fine craft beer & get their new life together started off on the right foot.

[Aaron & Chrissy drink, exit, then wedding party exits]

Please join us now for lawn games & cocktails. The bathrooms are located inside the Stone House.

