

Wedding Ceremony of George Basehoar & Becca Wilson
Empire State Building

March 15, 2009

Words of welcome

We welcome you all on this stunning day in New York City and I just want you to take a moment and realize that you created this beautiful ceremony here in the Empire State Building.

First Reading

1st Corinthians 13:4-13

Declaration of Intent

Marriage to you means the merging of two complete lives; it is an affirmation that you Becca and you George have become a single entity that will grow old together and enrich each other's lives in the process.

You told me earlier that the greatest strength in your relationship is your common belief in God. Your desire to honor God is foremost and by putting God first, you also honor yourselves.

Please face each other.

George, you said that Becca is your amazing gift. She is open, honest, funny, faithful, truthful, and very caring.

Becca, you said that George is what you prayed for. He is truthful, wise, loving, supportive, humorous, strong, brave and affectionate.

George & Becca, are you ready to enter into this marriage, believing that the love you share and your faith in each other will endure all things?

Wedding Vows

Please join hands.

The pledges you will now repeat are a statement of your present intent and your future commitment to each other.

George, repeat after me

Becca, I choose you to be my wife
I promise freely
From this day forward
You shall not walk alone
My heart will be your shelter
My arms will be your home
And with this pledge
I promise to be devoted to you
To love you
To respect you
Through all the days of our lives

Becca, repeat after me

George, I choose you to be my husband
I promise freely
From this day forward
You shall not walk alone
My heart will be your shelter
My arms will be your home
And with this pledge
I promise to be devoted to you
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Song

The Lord's Prayer – CD (singer recorded is the bride)

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-19

Rings

For thousands of years lovers have exchanged rings as a token of their vows. Let these rings also be a sign that love has substance as well as a soul, a present as well as a past, and that despite its occasional sorrows, love is a circle of happiness, wonder and delight.

George, place Becca's ring on her finger and repeat after me.

Becca, I give you this ring
To wear upon your hand
As a symbol of our unity
Love, respect and trust.

Becca, place George's ring on his finger and repeat after me.

George, I give you this ring
To wear upon your hand
As a symbol of our unity
Love, respect and trust.

Blessing

May these vows and this marriage be blessed. May your love grow stronger and deeper with each passing year. May this marriage be full of laughter, a seal of happiness here and hereafter. May this marriage be full of compassion, rich in trust and deep in understanding, asking that you be no other than yourselves. May you live together in health, harmony, peace, and happiness.

George & Becca, you have pledged your love and commitment to one another with the joining of hands and the exchange of rings and vows. It is therefore my great pleasure by laws of the city of New York to pronounce you husband and wife.

You may now kiss!