

Union of Souls
Kimberly and Charles
12-4-05

PRIOR TO CEREMONY

All guests will be in their places before Kimberly comes down to meet her mom. Kimberly and Mom will walk together to Charles. Mom may or may not say something before she gives Kimberly to Charles.

Kimberly and Charles will both kneel down and make an offering to the Gods for bringing them together. They will offer the flowers that Kimberly will carry to the altar. Charles and Kimberly may say a silent prayer of gratitude.

When Charles and Kimberly stand up, this will signal the start of the ceremony.

CEREMONY

Welcoming:

Welcome family and friends! We are gathered today to witness the union of Charles J. Baumer and Kimberly A. Clarke.

This ceremony is one dedicated to the unification of the heart, mind and spirit.

Charles and Kimberly have found one other through soft spoken words and a simple, warm touch.

We stand before them to love and support them as they commit to their love for each other as husband and wife.

Blessing of Elements:

Rev. Earthsong to guests-

Please join hands with each other.

Everyone joins hands.

Rev. Earthsong turns to altar and says

Powers of the Air, weave tightly the minds of Heart, Spirit, and Love between Charles and Kimberly. Let none undo the fabric of their love. Smudges couple

Rev. Earthsong lights candle

Powers of Fire, ignite the passion and love for Charles and Kimberly ever burning yet never consuming the other.

Rev. Earthsong raises chalice to sky

Powers of Water, bless Charles and Kimberly with love as deep as any ocean. Sprinkles water on heads.

Rev. Earthsong anoints bride and groom with oil (to be determined) [I have rose, chinamoon, lilac and lavender]

Powers of the Earth, bless Charles and Kimberly with strength, fertility, and wisdom for long as life and love lasts.

Blessing to Couple:

Above you are the stars, below you are the stones, as time doth pass, remember...like a stone should your love be firm like a star should your love be constant. Let the powers of the mind and of the intellect guide you in marriage, let the strength of your wills bind you together, let the power of love and desire make you happy and the strength of your dedication make you inseparable. Be close, but not too close. Possess one other, yet be understanding, have patience with one other, for storms will come, but they pass quickly. Be free in giving of affection and warmth. Let the innocent passion and joy of your relationship be with you always.

Blessing of the Rings :

[Rev. Earthsong]

By Air, by Fire, by Water and by Earth do I bless and consecrate these rings. The giving and receiving of the circular rings symbolizes eternity.

The circle represents eternity and though our lives are finite, love-the creative force that binds us together, the force that gives new life-is everlasting.

Exchange of Rings :

[Rev. Earthsong to Charles Baumer]

Charles J. Baumer, I have not the right to bind thee to Kimberly, only you have this right. If it be your wish say so at this time and place your ring in her hand.

[Charles Baumer]

I, Charles Baumer, humbly ask you to take me as your husband.....blah....blah.

Put ring in Kimberly's hand.

[Rev. Earthsong to Kimberly Clarke]

Kimberly, if it be your wish for Charles to be bound to you, place the ring on his finger and declare your intent to be bound to the love that you have for Charles.

[Rev Earthsong to Kimberly Clarke]

Kimberly A. Clarke, I have not the right to bind thee to Charles, only you have this right. If it be your wish, say so at this time and place your ring in his hand.

[Kimberly Clarke]

I, Kimberly Clarke, humbly ask to be your wife.....mmmmmmmm?

[Rev Earthsong to Charles Baumer]

Charles if it be your wish for Kimberly to be bound to you, place the ring on her finger and declare your intent to be bound to the love you have for Kimberly.

Handfasting :

Charles and Kimberly will face each other, joining both their left and right hands together. Their arms will look like the number 8 from above (infinity symbol). Rev. Earthsong places each colored cord over the couple's hands. Drape each colored cord across their hands.

Show cords and explain the meaning of the colors.

Red- love
orange-kindness
yellow-harmony
green-fertility

blue-health
black-wisdom
white-devotion
gray-balance
pink-romance
brown-home and animals
silver-creativity
gold-wealth

[Rev Earthsong]

With these cords, I bind you to the vows that you each have made (wrap cords round both arms) may you be blessed with love, health and prosperity. For remember what one may not provide, the other may. So are you bound, each to the other unto all of your days.

Bond removed by Rev Earthsong and passed thru flame

With blessings from Mother Earth

Lays cords on altar

Blessing of the Couple :

[Rev Earthsong]

Be understanding and patient, each with the other. Be free in giving of affection and warmth. Be sensuous with one another. Have no fear and not let the ways of the unenlightened give you unease for the Gods are with you now and always.

Then as the Goddess and the God and the Old Ones are witnesses to this rite, I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may now kiss.

Charles and Kimberly smooch

[Rev Earthsong]

As your first act of working together as a married couple, I'd like to ask that you jump the sword and broom. May the sword cut all ties to the past that don't benefit you both as a couple, and the broom to sweep them away.

Charles and Kimberly jump the broom and sword

[Rev Earthsong]

Blessed Be

PRESENT COUPLE:

[Rev Earthsong] presents Charles and Kimberly to family and friends.

CLOSING :

Interaction with friends and family. Pictures taken then go inside house for cake and drink.