

Tree Watering Unity Ceremony:

Optional Pre-reading: Because they are primeval, because they outlive us, because they are fixed, trees seem to emanate a sense of permanence. And though rooted in earth, they seem to touch the sky. For these reasons it is natural to feel we might learn wisdom from them, to haunt about them with the idea that if we could only read their silent riddle rightly we should learn some secret vital to our own lives; or even, more specifically, some secret vital to our real, our lasting and spiritual existence."

Officiant: Crystal and Matthew will now take part in a Tree Watering Ceremony, to symbolize the roots of their relationship and the continued growth of their love, as they become each other's family today. In this plant, there is soil from Matthew's parents' house and Crystal's mother and father's houses.

Love is the essence of human experience and emotion. It is the root of all and everything we, as humans, do. Love richens our experience, and fills our lives with meaning. It gives us a firm base from which to grow, to learn, and change. Let your relationship and your love for each other be like this tree you plant today. Let it grow tall and strong. Let it stand tall during the harsh winds and rains and storms, and come through unscathed. Like a tree, your marriage must be resilient. It must weather the challenges of daily life and the passage of time. And just like the tree you are growing, marriage requires constant nurturing and nourishment.

Crystal and Matthew, would you please water the tree?

Remember to nourish each other, with words of encouragement, trust, and love. This is needed on a daily basis so you each can grow and reach your fullest potential – just like this tree. Crystal and Matthew will have this tree to always be a symbol of their love for each other.