

### **Tree ceremony:**

You will both be planting a tree signifying the joining of your lives together, the roots of your relationship, the continued growth of your love, and the strength and nurturing you will each provide to the relationship as you grow and mature together and become each other's family today. This tree will return home with you where you may care for it and watch it grow over the years.

Love is the essence of human experience and emotion. It is the root of all and everything we, as humans, do. Love enriches our experience and fills our lives with meaning. It gives us a firm base from which to grow, to learn, and change.

(Couple plant tree in a pot to take home)

Alyson and Taylor may 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 planting, marriage requires constant nurturing and nourishment.

Let your love grow as the tree grows  
Deeper, wider, stronger with each passing year.