

**(Refrain)**

**He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.**

**(Refrain)**

**Reading from Debbie**

**THE DECLARATIONS**

**The minister says to the congregation:**

Will you, the families and friends of Charlotte & Joe support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

**All: We Will**

**THE COLLECT**

**THE GIVING OF THE RINGS**

Heavenly Father, by your blessing, let these rings be to Charlotte & Joe a symbol of unending love and faithfulness, to remind them of the vow and covenant which they have made this day through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL Amen.**

**THE PROCLAMATION**

**THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE**

The congregation remain standing, whilst Charlotte & Joe kneel  
Let us Pray

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have created joy and gladness, pleasure and delight, love, peace and fellowship. Pour out the abundance of your blessing upon Charlotte & Joe in their new life together. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, and a crown upon their heads.

Bless them in their work and in their companionship; awake and asleep, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death. Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that banquet where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **READING from the Bible**

#### **Hymm: Lord of the dance**

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

**Refrain; Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on:**

**(Refrain)**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die:**

**(Refrain)**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
But I am the dance, and I still go on:**

**(Refrain)**

**They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.**

**(Refrain)**

## **THE PRAYERS**

Faithful God, holy and eternal, source of life and spring of love, we thank and praise you for bringing Charlotte & Joe to this day, and we pray for them. Lord of life and love:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

May their marriage be life-giving and life-long, enriched by your presence and strengthened by your grace; may they bring comfort and confidence to each other in faithfulness and trust. Lord of life and love:

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May the hospitality of their home bring refreshment and joy to all around them; may their love overflow to neighbours in need and embrace those in distress. Lord of life and love:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

May they discern in your word order and purpose for their lives; and may the power of your Holy Spirit lead them in truth and defend them in adversity. Lord of life and love:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

May they nurture their family with devotion, see their children grow in body, mind and spirit and come at last to the end of their lives with hearts content and in joyful anticipation of heaven. Lord of life and love:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.  
Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom**