

# THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

Canon in D, Pachelbel

### THE WELCOME

Simon Smith, Celebrant

## **THANKSGIVING**

### THE READING

A Vow by Wendy Cope (Read by Chris Spence)

I cannot promise never to be angry;
I cannot promise always to be kind.

You know what you are taking on, my darling –
It's only at the start that love is blind.

And yet I'm still the one you want to be with
And you're the one for me – of that I'm sure.

You are my closest friend, my favourite person,
The lover and the home I've waited for.
I cannot promise that I will deserve you
From this day on. I hope to pass that test.
I love you and I want to make you happy.
I promise I will do my very best.

#### THE HAND BLESSING

These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you.

These are the hands that will work alongside yours as together you build your future.

These are the hands that will help you to hold your children as one.

These are the hands that will love you and cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no other.

These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind.

These are the hands that will wipe the tears from your eyes; tears of sorrow and tears of joy.

These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it.

And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.

Our wish for you today is that both of you will use these hands to build a marriage in which all your dreams come true.

# **THE VOWS**

# **EXCHANGING OF THE RINGS**

# SIGNING OF THE WEDDING CERTIFICATE

Witnesses: Joseph Blackburn-Panteli and Flavio Canetti

# **SONG (DURING SIGNING)**

Formidable by Charles Aznavour
Performed by Charlotte Blackburn-Panteli

## **BRIDE AND GROOM EXIT**

The Wedding March, Mendelssohn

Special thanks to our Bridesmaids and Flower Girls
Rebecca Panteli
Charlotte Blackburn-Panteli
Mila Panteli
Lana Panteli
Victoria Blackburn-Panteli
Matilda Blackburn-Pantei
Emma Canetti

Eliza Canetti