# ORDER OF SERVICE



16TH JULY 2022

Church of Our Lady & St Alphege

Bath

## **ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE**

# WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

### FIRST READING

First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:31-13.8 Read by Caroline Richards

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **HYMN**

Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dew-fall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise ev'ry morning.
God's re-creation
of the new day!

### THE GOSPEL

From the Holy Gospel according to John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.'

They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

### HOMILY

Father Alex McAllister SDS

# RITE OF MARRIAGE

# SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

Music by Colin Mullin

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Read by Patrick Mullin

### HYMN

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Keep me praising 'til the end of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna Sing hosanna to the King of kings Sing hosanna, sing hosanna Sing hosanna to the King

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting Give me peace in my heart, I pray Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting Keep me resting 'til the end of day

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving Give me love in my heart, I pray Give me love in my heart, keep me serving Keep me serving 'til the end of day

**NUPTIAL BLESSING** 

RECESSIONAL MUSIC