

THE PREFACE & DECLARATION

Will you,
the families and friends of Alex and Ruby,
support and uphold them in their marriage
now and in the years to come?

All: We will.

FIRST READING

Song of Songs 2:10-13

Read by Paul Hunter

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away,

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

~THE MARRIAGE~

HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

SECOND READING

Lost in the lakes by Steve Corbett

Read by Hannah Reynolds

We got lost in those hills and lakes, so lost.
Forgot who we were for those few days
Lost ourselves to the pubs and the people
To the wind rippled water, the wide open sky
Lost in the light and landscape
To the whispers and the rustle of the season
Marked time by the width of a meadow,
By early morning climbs and slow descents
Gave ourselves up to its simplicity
Walked, talked, eat, and slept.
Had time to remember, little to forget
Found that silly side of ourselves again
Dreamers, schemers, post children in-betweeners
Imagined we might get lost forever
In this little part of heaven,
And its changeable weather.
You and I, lost and forever.

THE SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

Music- original piano score, written and recorded by Ruby.

PRAYERS

ending with:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

THIRD READING

from *On Love* by Alain de Botton

Read by Joe Bond

“Perhaps it is true that
we do not really exist
until there is someone there
to see us existing,
we cannot properly speak
until there is someone
who can understand
what we are saying.
In essence,
we are not wholly alive
until we are loved.”