

And there's another country  
I've heard of long ago  
Most dear to them that love her  
Most great to them that know.  
We may not count her armies  
We may not see her King

Her fortress is a faithful heart  
Her pride is suffering.  
And soul by soul and silently  
Her shining bounds increase  
And her ways are ways of gentleness  
And all her paths are peace

## **THE PREFACE**

## **THE COLLECT**

Rev Mark

*God our Father,*

*you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law.  
Grant to your servants Bethanie and George that,  
loving one another,  
they may continue in your love until their lives' end:  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.*

All: **Amen.**

## **READINGS**

### **FIRST READING**

**Read by Olivia Black**

A reading from Les Miserables, by Victor Hugo

### **SECOND READING**

**Read by Brigette Wilson**

1 Corinthians 13 verses 8 - 11

A reading from Nightmare Before Christmas, by Tim Burton

## **THE ADDRESS**

### **The DEDICATION**

Rev Mark:

*Will you, the families and friends of Bethanie and George, support and uphold them in their marriage Now and in the years to come?*

All

**We will**

## **THE MARRIAGE**

### **THE GIVING OF RINGS**

*Heavenly Father, by your blessing, let these rings be to Bethanie and George 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 COUPLE**

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 Bethanie and George 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.

All **Amen.**

Rev Mark

*God the Father,  
God the Son,  
God the Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve and keep you;  
the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace,  
that you may please him both in body and soul,  
and, living together in faith and love,  
may receive the blessings of eternal life.*

All **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

*Heavenly Father,  
maker of all things,  
you enable us to share in your work of creation.  
Bless George and Bethanie in the gift and care of children,  
that their home may be a place of love, security, and truth  
and their children grow up to know and love you in your Son  
esus Christ our Lord.*

All **Amen.**

Eternal God,  
true and loving Father,  
in holy marriage you make your servants one.  
May George and Bethanie's life together witness to your  
love in this troubled world;  
may unity overcome division,  
forgiveness heal injury,  
and joy triumph over sorrow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All        **Amen**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

All:        **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**