

**HYMN:**

Come to a wedding

Come to a wedding,  
Come to a blessing,  
Come on a day when happiness sings!  
Come rain or sun,  
Come winter or summer,  
Celebrate love and all that it brings.

Thanks for the love,  
That holds us together,  
Parent and child, and lover and friend;  
Thanks to the God,  
Whose love is our centre,  
Source of compassion, knowing no end.

Love is the gift,  
And love is the giver,  
Love is the gold that  
Makes the day shine;  
Love forgets self to care for the other,  
Love changes life from water to wine.

Come to this wedding,  
Asking a blessing,  
For all the years that living will prove;  
Health of the body,  
Health of the spirit,  
Now to you both we offer our love.

## **FIRST READING**

By Kay Vincent

## **SECOND READING**

By Susan Rendle

## **THE SERMON**

By Reverend Hue Bellis

## **THE MARRIAGE**

The Vows

The Giving of the Rings

The Proclamation of the Marriage

The Blessing of the Marriage

## **HYMN:**

We pledge to one another

We pledge to one another,  
before the Lord above,  
entire and whole and perfect,  
this union of our love —  
a love that will be patient,  
a love that will be wise,  
that will not twist with envy,  
nor lose itself in lies;  
a love that will not falter,  
a love to hold us fast,  
and bind us to each other  
as long as life shall last...

We pray that God will guide us  
through all the years to be,  
our lives be shaped by courage,  
hope and serenity.  
Through joy and celebration,  
through loneliness and pain,  
may loyalty, compassion  
and tenderness remain,  
that those who share the blessing  
of love that cannot cease  
may walk the paths of gentleness  
into the place of peace.

### **THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE**

Each time the vicar says the bidding **“Lord of Life and Love”**,  
the congregation is invited to respond with the words  
“Hear our 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

## **HYMN:**

As man and woman we were made

As man and woman we were made  
that love be found and life begun:  
the likeness of the living God,  
unique, yet called to live as one.  
Through joy or sadness, calm or strife,  
come, praise the love that gives us life.

Now Jesus lived and gave his love  
to make our life and loving new  
so celebrate with him today  
and drink the joy he offers you  
that makes the simple moment shine  
and changes water into wine.

And Jesus died to live again  
so praise the love that, come what may,  
can bring the dawn and clear the skies,  
and waits to wipe all tears away  
and let us hope for what shall be  
believing where we cannot see.

Then spread the table, clear the hall  
and celebrate till day is done;  
let peace go deep between us all  
and joy be shared by everyone:  
laugh and make merry with your friends  
and praise the love that never ends.