



ORDER OF SERVICE

**AILEEN  
GABRIELLE  
ROWAN**

AND

**ROBERT  
JAMES  
HINTON  
CLARK**

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 | 2023  
AT THREE IN THE AFTERNOON

AT THE BEDFORD HOTEL  
TAVISTOCK

## **ENTRY OF THE BRIDE**

Canon and Gigue in D Major by Johann Pachelbel

## **WELCOME**

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

### *FIRST READING*

"These I can promise" by Mark Twain

Read by Philip Clark

I cannot promise you a life of sunshine;  
I cannot promise riches, wealth, or gold;  
I cannot promise you an easy pathway  
That leads away from change or growing old.  
But I can promise all my heart's devotion;  
A smile to chase away your tears of sorrow;  
A love that's ever true and ever growing;  
A hand to hold in yours through each tomorrow.

## **THE MARRIAGE**

## **EXCHANGE OF VOWS AND RINGS**

*SECOND READING*  
"Vow" by Roger McGough  
Read by Gabrielle Rowan

I vow to honour the commitment made this day  
Which, unlike the flowers and the cake,  
Will not wither or decay. A promise, not to obey  
But to respond joyfully, to forgive and to console,  
For once incomplete, we now are whole.

I vow to bear in mind that if, at times  
Things seem to go from bad to worse,  
They also go from bad to better.  
The lost purse is handed in, the letter  
Contains wonderful news. Trains run on time,  
Hurricanes run out of breath, floods subside,  
And toast lands jam-side up.

And with this ring, my final vow:  
To recall, whatever the future may bring,  
The love I feel for you now.

**THE REGISTRATION OF  
THE MARRIAGE**

On Wings of Song (instrumental) by Felix Mendelssohn

**THE DEPARTURE OF THE  
BRIDE AND GROOM**

Orchestral Suite No.3 in D Major by Johann Sebastian Bach

