



ORDER OF SERVICE

**MAX**

AND

**ANNA**

FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER | 2023  
AT THREE IN THE AFTERNOON

ALL SAINTS DISTRICT CHURCH

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY  
FR. HOWARD STOKER

## THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

### GREETING

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

Priest: In the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: and also with you

### OPENING PRAYER

All: God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and some of you alone are the source of life and love.

Without you, we cannot please you:

without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.

Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may worship you now with thankful hearts and serve you always with willing minds: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## THE PREFACE & DECLARATIONS

### THE COLLECT

## **FIRST READING**

Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. it does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

## **ADDRESS**

Given by Fr. Howard Stoker

## **THE MARRIAGE**

## **SIGNING OF THE REGISTER**

## **SECOND READING**

First Meeting by ASJ Tessemond

When I first met you, I knew that I had come at last home.

Home after wandering, Home after long-puzzled searching,  
Home after long being wind-born, Wave-tossed, night-caught, long being  
lost. And being with you was normal and needful And natural as sleeping or  
waking. And I was myself, Who had never been wholly myself.

I was walking and talking And laughing easily at last. And the air was softer,  
And sounds were sharper, And colours were brighter,  
And the sky was higher, And length was not measured by milestones,  
And time was not measured by clocks. And this end was a beginning,  
And these words are the beginning - Of my thanks.

## **PRAYERS**

The response to the words:  
Lord of life and love is Hear our prayer

### **THE LORDS PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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.

### **THE BLESSING**

### **RECESSIONAL VOLUNTARY**