

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one:

*Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God almighty,  
Who has made all things well:

*Refrain*

**THE PREFACE**

**THE DECLARATIONS**

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

**All:** We will.

**THE COLLECT**

**FIRST READING**

Ecclesiastes 4.9-12a – Read by Francis Boatman

**SECOND READING**

Song of Solomon 2.10-13, 8.6-7a – Read by Jan Richardson

## **THE SERMON**

### **HYMN - Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer**

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim though this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliverer,  
be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
bear me through the swelling current,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee.

## **THE MARRIAGE**

The Vows  
The Giving of the Rings  
The Proclamation of the Marriage  
The Blessing of the Marriage

## THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

### PRAYERS

Faithful God,  
holy and eternal,  
source of life and spring of love,  
we thank and praise you for bringing Tamsin and Joss to this day,  
and we pray for them.  
Lord of life and love:

**All:** hear our prayer.

May their marriage be life-giving and life-long,  
enriched by your presence and strengthened by your grace;  
may they bring comfort and confidence to each other  
in faithfulness and trust.  
Lord of life and love:

**All:** hear our prayer.

May the hospitality of their home  
bring refreshment and joy to all around them;  
may their love overflow to neighbours in need  
and embrace those in distress.  
Lord of life and love:

**All:** hear our prayer.

May they discern in your word  
order and purpose for their lives;  
and may the power of your Holy Spirit  
lead them in truth and defend them in adversity.  
Lord of life and love:

**All:** hear our prayer.

May they nurture each other with devotion,  
and come at last to the end of their lives  
with hearts content and in joyful anticipation of heaven.  
Lord of life and love:

**All:** 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.