

FIRST READING

By Peter Attwood

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

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. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love.

THE PREFACE & DECLARATIONS

At the end of the declarations: Will you, the families and friends of Thomas and Lisa, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

All: We will.

THE EXCHANGE OF VOWS & RINGS

HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all*

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours
he made their tiny wings

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well

SECOND READING
By Rev. Fr Christopher Wroot
Colossians 3 v12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

Each time the priest 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,
 Tas 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

SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE DOCUMENT

Claire de Lune

Claude Debussy

HYMN

I Vow to Thee my Country

I vow to thee, my country
All earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect
The service of my love

The love that asks no questions
The love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar
The dearest and the best

The love that never falters
The love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted
The final sacrifice

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 (we may not count her armies)
We may (we may not see her King)
Her fortress is a faithful heart
Her pride is suffering