



WELCOME TO  
THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY OF

**Josephine May Paley**  
**&**  
**Joseph Stephen Cross**

Saturday 08th July 2023

12 noon

Otley Parish Church

## **THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE**

Saxophone Music

### **THE WELCOME**

All God of wonder and of joy:  
    grace comes from you,  
and 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.

### **HYMN- Sing Hosanna**

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
    Give me joy in my heart, I pray,  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
    Keep me praising 'til end of day.  
    Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
    Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
    Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
    Sing hosanna to the King.  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
    Give me peace in my heart, I pray,  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
    Keep me resting 'til the end of day.  
    Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
    Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
    Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
    Sing hosanna to the King.  
Give my oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
    Give me oil in my lamp, I pray,  
Give my oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
    Keep me burning 'till the end of day.  
    Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
    Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
    Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
    Sing hosanna to the King.  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
    Give me love in my heart, I pray.  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
    Keep me serving 'till the end of day.

## **PREFACE**

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

## THE COLLECT

FIRST READING- BY SCOTT PALEY- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

SECOND READING- BY MARTIN CROSS- 1 CORINTHIANS 13

## SERMON

### HYMN- LORD OF THE DANCE

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,

I am the Lord of the dance, said he,

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,

But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;

They came with me and the dance went on:

Dance, then, wherever you may be,

I am the Lord of the dance, said he,

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:

The holy people said it was a shame.

They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,

And they left me there on a cross to die:

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;

It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.

They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;

But I am the dance, and I still go on:

Dance, then, wherever you may be,

I am the Lord of the dance, said he,

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he."

## THE VOWS

### THE GIVING OF THE RINGS

### THE PROCLAMATION

### THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

### REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

## PRAYERS

Faithful God,  
holy and eternal,  
source of life and spring of love,  
we thank and praise you for bringing N and N 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 their family with devotion,  
see their children grow in body, mind and spirit  
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.**

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

**Josie and Joe would like to thank everyone for attending their Marriage ceremony. We both look forward to celebrating with you at The Old Barn. Much Love always**