

OPENING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

INTRODUCTION

THE DECLARATIONS

Christopher and Sarah confirm their desire to be married
to each other

The minister says to the congregation:

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

All: We will

THE COLLECT

We pray for God to bless Christopher & Sarah and be present
with them as they make their vows and in the future as they
seek to keep them

THE MARRIAGE

The Vows

Christopher & Sarah each make a binding promise to love and cherish each other for the rest of their lives

The Giving of the Rings

Rings are exchanged as a symbol of God's unending love

The Proclamation of the Marriage

The marriage is announced

The Blessing of the Marriage

We pray for God to bless the marriage

READINGS

First Reading

Corinthians 13:4-13

Read by Suzie Rosino

Second Reading

A reading from Captain Corelli's Mandolin by Louis de Bernières

Read by Elisabeth Van Nooten

ADDRESS

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

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 forever.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL & FINAL BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN:

One More Step Along The World I Go

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me traveling along with you.*