

Processional

The Prince of Denmark's March, Jeremiah Clarke

Introduction

The Reverend Rich Duncan

Hymn

Come to a wedding, come to a blessing,
Come on a day when happiness sings!
Come rain or sun, come winter or summer,
Celebrate love and all that it brings.

Thanks for the love that holds us together,
Parent and child, and lover and friend;
Thanks to the God, whose love is our centre,
Source of compassion, knowing no end.

Love is the gift and love is the giver,
Love is the gold that makes the day shine;
Love forgets self to care for the other,
Love changes life from water to wine.

Come to this wedding asking a blessing,
For all the years that living will prove;
Health of the body health of the spirit,
Now to you both we offer our love.

The Marriage

Hymn

We pledge to one another, before the Lord above,
Entire and whole and perfect, this union of our love —
A love that will be patient, a love that will be wise,
That will not twist with envy, nor lose itself in lies;
A love that will not falter, a love to hold us fast,
And bind us to each other as long as life shall last.

We pray that God will guide us through all the years to be,
Our lives be shaped by courage, hope and serenity.
Through joy and celebration, through loneliness and pain,
May loyalty, compassion and tenderness remain,
That those who share the blessing of love that cannot cease
May walk the paths of gentleness into the place of peace.

Excerpt from "Captain Corelli's Mandolin"

Read By Stacey Abdelwahed

'Love is a temporary madness. It erupts like an earthquake and then subsides. And when it subsides you have to make a decision. You have to work out whether your roots have become so entwined together that it is inconceivable that you should ever part.

Because this is what love is. Love is not breathlessness, it is not excitement, it is not the promulgation of promises of eternal passion. That is just being in love, which any of us can convince ourselves we are. Love itself is what is left over when being in love has burned away, and this is both an art and a fortunate accident.

Those that truly love, have roots that grow towards each other underground, and when all the pretty blossom have fallen from their branches, they find that they are one tree and not two.'

Bible Reading - Colossians - Chapter 3 - Verses 12-17

Read By Lauren Middleton

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Address

Prayers

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.

Amen.

Hymn

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.

Blessing

Signing of the Marriage Document

(during which is played *Can't Help Falling In Love*, Elvis Presley)