

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

Following the declarations by the Bride and Groom the congregation are asked: will you the family and friends of Declan and Jessica support and uphold them in their marriage, now and in the years to come?

**All answer: "We will."**

## **COLLECT PRAYER**

### **FIRST READING**

*Getting the perfect relationship  
Colossians, Chapter 3: Verses 12-17*

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.

## **SECOND READING**

*Touched by an Angel by Maya Angelou*

We, unaccustomed to courage  
exiles from delight  
live coiled in shells of loneliness  
until love leaves its high holy temple  
and comes into our sight  
to liberate us into life.

Love arrives  
and in its train come ecstasies  
old memories of pleasure  
ancient histories of pain.  
Yet if we are bold,  
love strikes away the chains of fear  
from our souls.

We are weaned from our timidity  
In the flush of love's light  
we dare be brave  
And suddenly we see  
that love costs all we are  
and will ever be.  
Yet it is only love  
which sets us free.

## **ADDRESS**

By Reverend Barry Downer

## HYMM

### *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down.

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art.  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy grace receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more Thy temples leave:  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.  
Charles Wesley, 1707-88

## **EXCHANGE OF VOWS**

The Bride and Groom will take their vows and during the signing of the Register, the Organist and Choir will play an ensemble of hymns.

## **THE PRAYERS**

### **HYMM**

*Lord of 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.

*Chorus*