

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.

PREFACE

Congregation please sit

THE DECLARATIONS

Congregation stands

The priest says to the congregation
Will you, the families and friends of
George and Lucy
support and uphold them in their marriage
now and in the years to come?

We will.

THE COLLECT

Congregation stands

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 13, by Doreen Fairman

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
And if I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith,
so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love,
I am nothing.
If I give away all my possessions,
and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,
but do not have love,
I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind;
love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends.

ADDRESS

THE BLESSING OF THE RINGS

THE PROCLAMATION

The priest binds the right hands together
Those whom God has joined together
let no one put asunder.

THE NUPTIAL BLESSING

THE PRAYERS

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be they 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

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.

All stand and the congregation prepare themselves with the confetti

BLESSING

DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba, Handel