

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier

The Preface

The Declarations

The minister asks Rory and Miranda in turn to declare their consent to marry each other and then addresses the congregation:

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

We will.

The Opening Prayer

Readings

Excerpt from Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne

Read by Jordan Keogh

1 Corinthians 13

Read by Deborah Nicholes

The Address

Anthem

John Rutter - For the Beauty of the Earth

Sung by Ann Hollings

THE MARRIAGE

The Vows

The minister introduces the vows and Rory and Miranda face each other, join hands and make their vows to each other:

Rory and Miranda, I now invite you to join hands and make your vows, in the presence of God and his people.

The Giving of Rings

The minister blesses the rings and Rory and Miranda exchange them with each other.

The Proclamation

The Blessing of the Marriage

Registration of the Marriage

During the signing of the register the choir sing the Anthem:
Alleluia, Alleluia – William Boyce

The Prayers

The prayers include the response:

God of life and love,
Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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: Guide me, O thou great redeemer

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.