

ORDER OF SERVICE

KATIE NEVARD

AND

DAVID PAYNE

WELCOME YOU  
TO THE CELEBRATION OF  
THEIR MARRIAGE

30TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 1PM

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, STEEPLE CLAYDON**

REVEREND ANGELA MANN

## **ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE**

Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin – Wagner

## **WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

Reverend Angela Mann

## **HYMN JERUSALEM**

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the Countenance Divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among these dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land

## **INTRODUCTION THE DECLARATIONS**

The declarations end with this question to the congregation:  
Will you, the families and friends of Katie and David, support and  
uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

**Please answer: We will**

**FIRST READING**  
**UNION**

by Robert Fulghum

Read by Rosemary Nicholson

You have known each other from the first glance of acquaintance to this point of commitment. At some point, you decided to marry. From that moment of yes, to this moment of yes, indeed, you have been making commitments in an informal way.

All of those conversations that were held in a car, or over a meal, or during long walks — all those conversations that began with, 'When we're married', and continued with 'I will' and 'you will' and 'we will' — all those late night talks that included 'someday' and 'somehow' and 'maybe' — and all those promises that are unspoken matters of the heart. All these common things, and more, are the real process of a wedding.

The symbolic vows that you are about to make are a way of saying to one another, 'You know all those things that we've promised, and hoped, and dreamed — well, I meant it all, every word.' Look at one another and remember this moment in time. Before this moment you have been many things to one another — acquaintance, friend, companion, lover, dancing partner, even teacher, for you have learned much from one another these past few years.

Shortly you shall say a few words that will take you across a threshold of life, and things between you will never quite be the same.

For after today, you shall say to the world — This is my husband.  
This is my wife

**SECOND READING**  
**Colossians Chapter 3, verses 12-17**

Read by Reverend Angela Mann

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.

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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.

Thanks be to God

## SERMON

### HYMN

## LORD OF THE DANCE

By Sidney Carter

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.

### *Refrain*

***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.

### *Refrain*

I danced on the Sabbath  
and I cured the lame;  
the holy people  
said it was a shame.  
they whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there  
on a Cross to die.

***Refrain***

I danced on a Friday  
when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the Dance,  
and I still go on.

***Refrain***

They cut me down  
and I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
if you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord  
of the Dance, said he.

***Refrain***

**THE MARRIAGE**

The Vows  
The Giving of the Rings  
The Proclamation of the Marriage  
The Blessing of the Marriage

## **PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE**

There is a short response to each of the prayers.

After the words 'Lord, in your mercy',

**Please answer 'Hear our prayer'**

**All:** 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

## **SIGNING OF MARRIAGE DOCUMENT**

Witnessed by Madison Steer and Sarah Welch

## **THE BLESSING**

## **DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM**

Wedding March by Mendelssohn

Katie and David would like to thank you all for being  
with them on their special day together

**WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO  
IN RECOGNITION OF LOVED ONES**

IN THIS JOYOUS DAY, WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO COULD NOT BE WITH  
US BUT WE KNOW THEIR LOVING PRESENCE AND SPIRIT ARE WITH US  
TODAY AND ALWAYS

**PARENTS OF THE BRIDE**  
SARAH AND PETER NEVARD

**PARENTS OF THE GROOM**  
DEBORAH AND NICHOLAS PAYNE

**MAID OF HONOUR**  
AMY NEVARD

**BEST MAN**  
CHRIS WELCH

**BRIDESMAIDS**  
EMMA PAYNE  
MADISON STEER  
ELLIE ROGERS

**USHERS**  
SAM COBOURNE  
ALFIE NEVARD  
JASON HULLEY

**FLOWER GIRLS**  
NOVA SCHAFFER-SMITH  
NEVE HULLEY