

ORDER OF SERVICE



CLAIRE PAYNE

AND

DAVID HALL

WELCOME YOU  
TO THE CELEBRATION OF  
THEIR MARRIAGE

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**THE COMPLEAT ANGLER**

**MARLOW**

## **THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE**

### **READING: FAITH, HOPE & LOVE**

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

### **COUPLES' JOURNEY LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

#### **POEM (FRENCH)**

Le bonheur est tout petit  
Le bonheur, c'est tout petit,  
Si petit que parfois on ne le voit pas,  
Alors on cherche, on cherche partout.  
Il est là, dans l'arbre qui chante dans le vent,  
L'oiseau le crie dans le ciel, La rivière le murmure,  
Le ruisseau le chuchote, Le soleil, la goutte de pluie le disent.  
Tu peux le voir là, dans le regard de l'enfant,  
Le pain que l'on rompt et que l'on partage, La main que l'on tend.  
Le bonheur, c'est tout petit, Si petit que parfois on ne le voit pas,  
Et on le cherche dans le béton, l'acier,  
La fortune, Mais le bonheur n'y est pas,  
Ni dans l'aisance ni dans le confort.  
On veut se le construire mais il est là,  
À côté de nous, et on passe sans le voir,  
Car le bonheur est tout petit. Il ne se cache pas, C'est là son secret.  
Il est là, près de nous.

## **HAND BINDING CEREMONY**

**Using special ties that belonged to those we loved who cannot be here today and who we miss dearly:**

**Claire's Dad, Dave, and David's Grandfather, Benoit.**

These are the hands of your partner & best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever.

These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future. These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no other.

These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind. These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes; tears of sorrow, and tears of joy.

These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children. These are the hands that will help you to hold your family as one. These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it.

And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged, will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.

## **ARRIVAL OF THE REGISTRARS**

### **THE MARRIAGE**

### **EXCHANGE OF VOWS & RINGS**

### **THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE**

## **MARRIAGE BLESSING**

Now you will feel no rain,  
for each of you will be shelter for the other.

Now you will feel no cold,  
for each of you will be warmth to the other.

Now there will be no loneliness,  
for each of you will be companion to the other.

Now you are two persons,  
but there is only one life before you.

May beauty surround you both in the journey ahead  
and through all the years.

May happiness be your companion  
and your days together be good and long upon the earth.

Treat yourselves and each other with respect,  
and remind yourselves often of what brought you together.

Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness and kindness that  
your connection deserves.

When frustration, difficulties and fear assail your relationship,  
as they threaten all relationships at one time or another,  
remember to focus on what is right between you,  
not only the part which seems wrong.

In this way, you can ride out the storms when clouds hide the face of the  
sun in your lives, remembering that even if you lose sight of it for a  
moment, the sun is still there.

And if each of you takes responsibility for the quality of your life  
together, it will be marked by abundance and delight.

## **MAID OF HONOR**

CHRISTINA PAYNE

## **WITNESSES**

MARIZA CONCEICAO, CHRISTINA PAYNE