

## **HYMN**

### **Lord of the 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 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.**

Chorus

**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.**

Chorus

**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.**

Chorus

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

**Will you, the families and friends of Richard and Stephanie support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?**

**All: We will.**

### **1 Corinthians 13.4-8**

**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.**

**Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.**

**Love never fails.**

## **ADDRESS**

## **THE MARRIAGE VOWS**

## HYMN

### GIVE ME JOY IN MY HEART

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
give me joy in my heart, I pray.  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
keep me praising till the end of day.**

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the King!

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
give me peace in my heart, I pray.  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
keep me resting till the break of day.**

Chorus

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
give me love in my heart, I pray.  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
keep me serving till the break of day.**

Chorus

**Give me light in my heart, keep me shining  
Give me love in my heart, I pray,  
Give me light in my heart, keep me shining  
keep me shining till the break of day.**

Chorus

## **SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE DOCUMENT**

Air on the G String - Bach

### **PRAYERS**

**Faithful God, holy and eternal, source of life and spring of love,  
we thank and praise you for bringing Richard and Stephanie to  
this day, and we pray for them.**

**Lord of life and love**

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**May their marriage be life-giving and life-long,  
enriched by your presence and strengthened by your grace;  
may they bring comfort and confidence to each other  
in faithfulness and trust.**

**Lord of life and love:**

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**May the hospitality of their home  
bring refreshment and joy to all around them;  
may their love overflow to neighbours in need  
and embrace those in distress.**

**Lord of life and love:**

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**May they discern in your word  
order and purpose for their lives;  
and may the power of your Holy Spirit  
lead them in truth and defend them in adversity.**

**Lord of life and love:**

**All: Hear our prayer.**