

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE WEDDING OF

*KRISTY
&
MICHAEL*

*WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST
2023*

Church of the Holy Cross, Owlpen

ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE

THE GATHERING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

Lord of all Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

THE PREFACE

THE DECLARATIONS

THE GIVING AWAY

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

We Will.

THE COLLECT

God our Father, from the beginning
you have blessed creation with abundant life.
Pour out your blessings upon Kristy and Michael
That they may be joined in mutual love and
companionship,

In holiness and commitment to each other.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever,

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

BIBLE READING

1 Corinthians Chapter 13

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. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

THE MARRIAGE

THE VOWS

THE GIVING OF THE RINGS

THE PROCLAMATION

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

SECOND READING

“Blessing of the Hands”

These are the hands of your partner, young and strong and full of love,
holding your hands as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and
forever.

These are the hands that will work alongside yours as you build your future.

These are the hands that will hold you and comfort you in grief and
uncertainty.

These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes,
tears of sorrow and joy.

These are the hands that will hold your family as one.

These are the hands that will give you strength.

And 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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
Forever and ever.

Amen.

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 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:

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:

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 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:

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.

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.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY

The Revd Ian Gardner

MUSIC BY

Ardeton String Quartet



Thank you all so much for being here today to be a part our special day.
We can't wait to celebrate with you.

Lots of Love,
Kristy & Mike