

THE DECLARATIONS

THE COLLECT

FIRST READING

A reading from Song of Solomon, Chapter 2, verses 10 - 13 & Chapter 8, verses 6 & 7 read by Lieutenant Commander Frederick Flood

My beloved speaks and says to me:

'Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.'

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

SECOND READING

THE ART OF MARRIAGE by Wilferd A. Peterson read by Kitt Flood

The little things are the big things.
It is never being too old to hold hands.
It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.

It is never going to sleep angry.
It is at no time taking the other for granted.

The courtship should not end with the honeymoon,
it should continue through all the years.

It is speaking words of appreciation and
demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is not expecting the husband to wear a halo
or the wife to have the wings of an angel.

It is not looking for perfection in each other.

It is cultivating flexibility, patience,
understanding and a sense of humor.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.
It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.

It is finding room for the things of the spirit.
It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is establishing a relationship in which the independence is equal,
dependence is mutual and the obligation is reciprocal.

It is not only marrying the right partner, it is being the right partner.

THE ADDRESS

THE MARRIAGE

THE VOWS

The man says:

Before God,
and in the presence
of our families
and friends,
I, Jake Alexander Dove
declare my love
for you, Danielle Alexandra Jackson
and I give myself to you
as your husband.
I promise you my love,
my loyalty, and my trust
for as long as we both shall live.

The woman says:

Before God,
and in the presence
of our families
and friends,
I, Danielle Alexandra Jackson
declare my love
for you, Jake Alexander Dove
and I give myself to you
as your wife.
I promise you my love,
my loyalty, and my trust
for as long as we both shall live.

THE EXCHANGING OF RINGS

THE DISMISSAL & FINAL BLESSING

THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can 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 labors, 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 DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM