

## OPENING HYMN

### Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, 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.

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **THE DECLARATIONS**

Sarah and Christopher confirm their desire to be married  
to each other

The minister says to the congregation:

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

**All: We will**

### **THE COLLECT**

We pray for God to bless Sarah and Christopher and be present  
with them as they make their vows and in the future as they  
seek to keep them

## **THE MARRIAGE**

### **The Vows**

Sarah and Christopher each make a binding promise to love and cherish each other for the rest of their lives

### **The Giving of the Rings**

Rings are exchanged as a symbol of God's unending love

### **The Proclamation of the Marriage**

The marriage is announced

### **The Blessing of the Marriage**

We pray for God to bless the marriage

## **READINGS**

### **First Reading**

Corinthians 13:4-13

Read by Suzie Rosino

### **Second Reading**

A reading from Captain Corelli's Mandolin by Louis de Bernières

Read by Elisabeth Van Nooten

## **ADDRESS**

## **THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.

## **THE DISMISSAL & FINAL BLESSING**

### **CLOSING HYMN:**

#### **One More Step Along The World I Go**

One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go;  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me traveling along with you.*