

## **THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE**

*Bridal Chorus, Wagner*

## **THE WELCOME**

*The Revd Mandy Walker*

## **HYMN**

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their tiny wings.

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them, ev'ry one.

The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.

**THE PREFACE**

**THE DECLARATIONS**

**THE COLLECT**

**FIRST READING**

*A reading from Song of Solomon 2.10-13*

*By Sheila Grant*

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.'

## **SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians Chapter 13*

*By Janet Brown*

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.

## **POEM**

*Your Walled Garden*

*By Lynne Turnbull*

Your marriage should have within it a secret and protected space, open to you alone. Imagine it to be a walled garden, entered by a door to which you only hold the key. Within this garden you will cease to be a mother, father, employee, homemaker or any other of the roles which you fulfil in daily life. Here you can be yourselves, two people who love each other. Here you can concentrate on one another's needs. So take each other's hands and go forth to your garden. The time you spend together is not wasted but invested – invested in your future and nurture of your love.

## **THE ADDRESS**

## **THE MARRIAGE**

## **THE VOWS**

## **THE GIVING OF THE RINGS**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MARRIAGE**

## **THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE**

## HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you:

### *Refrain:*

O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy:

### *Refrain*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## PRAYERS

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,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## HYMN

We pledge to one another,  
before the Lord above,  
entire and whole and perfect,  
this union of our love —  
a love that will be patient,  
a love that will be wise,  
that will not twist with envy,  
nor lose itself in lies;  
a love that will not falter,  
a love to hold us fast,  
and bind us to each other  
as long as life shall last.  
We pray that God will guide us

Through all the years to be,  
our lives be shaped by courage,  
hope and serenity.  
Through joy and celebration,  
through loneliness and pain,  
may loyalty, compassion  
and tenderness remain,  
that those who share the blessing  
of love that cannot cease  
may walk the paths of gentleness  
into the place of peace.

## SIGNING THE MARRIAGE SCHEDULE

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring - Johann Sebastian Bach*

## THE DISMISSAL & FINAL BLESSING

### THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

*Mendelssohn's "Wedding March"*

**Thank you all so much for being here!**

It means so much to both of us having all our nearest and dearest here today.

We would particularly like to thank both sets of parents for their amazing help, patience, and generosity.

With lots of love,

***THE BRIDE & GROOM***