

## THE PREFACE

### THE DECLARATIONS

The minister will then say to the congregation:  
*Will you, the families and friends of David and Olivia,  
Support and uphold them in their marriage  
Now and in the years to come?*

**All:** We will

### THE COLLECT

#### FIRST READING

*Song of Solomon 2: 10-13; 8: 6-7  
read by Chris Balfour*

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**

*An excerpt from Les Miserables, Victor Hugo  
read by Clare Vivian*

You can give without loving,  
but you can never love without giving.

The great acts of love are done by  
those who are habitually performing  
small acts of kindness.

We pardon to the extent that we love.

Love is knowing that even when you are alone,  
you will never be lonely again.

And great happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved.

Loved for ourselves.

And even loved in spite of ourselves.

## **HYMN**

### *I Vow to Thee My Country*

I vow to thee my country all earthly things above  
Entire and whole and perfect the service of my love  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test  
That lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago  
Most dear to them that love her most great to them that know  
We may not count her armies we may not see her King  
Her fortress is a faithful heart her pride is suffering  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase  
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

## **THE ADDRESS**

*Revd David Saunders*

## **THE MARRIAGE**



## **THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE**

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.

## **THE BLESSING**

