

WELCOME
TO THE MARRIAGE OF

JOE
&
KIRSTY

AUGUST 12TH 2023

AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY
REVEREND IVOR LEWIS

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

Do 4 Love - Snoh Aalegra

THE MARRIAGE SERVICE

The Revd. Ivor Lewis

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

All: **and also with you.**

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in
them. (1 John 4.16)

OPENING HYMN

Oh Happy Day (Song by Edwin Hawkins)

Oh happy day (oh happy day)

Oh happy day (oh happy day)

When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)

When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)

When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)

He washed my sins away (oh happy day)

Oh happy day (oh happy day)

He taught me how to watch,

fight and pray, fight and pray

And live rejoicing every, everyday

Oh happy day
He taught me how
Oh happy day (oh happy day)
Oh happy day (oh happy day)
Oh happy day (oh happy day)

OPENING WORDS

THE DECLARATIONS

THE VOWS

THE MARRIAGE PRAYER

God our Father,
from the beginning you have blessed creation
with abundant life.

Pour out your blessings upon Joe & Kirsty,
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 for ever.

All: **Amen.**

BIBLE READING

1 Corinthians 13 (NLT) Read by Mrs Mary Gwatkin

13 If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. **3** If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud **5** or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. **6** It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. **7** Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

8 Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

SERMON

THE MARRIAGE

The Giving Away
The Giving of the Rings
The Proclamation of the Marriage

The Signing of the Registers
With Music led by Patrick & Yvonne Hepburn & the Worship Band

PRAYERS FOR JOE & KIRSTY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Led by Revd. Andi & Briony Thomas
concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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.

CLOSING HYMN

The splendour of the King (How great is our God)

The splendour of the King,
clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice,
and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God,
sing with me,
how great is our God,
and all will see how great,
how great is our God.

And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
beginning and the end,
beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God,
sing with me,
how great is our God,
and all will see how great,
how great is our God.

Name above all names,
worthy of all praise;
my heart will sing:
how great is our God.

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How great is our God,
sing with me,
how great is our God,
and all will see how great,
how great is our God.

THE DISMISSAL & FINAL BLESSING

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Lovely Day - Bill Withers
Led by Patrick & Yvonne Hepburn & the Worship Band

MAID OF HONOUR

Vanessa Lewis

BEST MEN

Luke Gwatkin

Billy Gwatkin

BRIDESMAIDS

Brogan Fraser-Taylor

Rachael Carney

Rai Lone

Rebecca Mohr

Tanice Jackson

WITNESSES

Gail Lewis

Lee Gwatkin

DETAILS

Cocktail Hour & Canapes to follow

From 4:00pm

The Dome

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