



ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR THE MARRIAGE OF

Sonia
AND
Harrison

FRIDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 2023

2.30 p.m.

ULUWATU, INDONESIA

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Revd Canon Don Aitchison

THE PREFACE

THE DECLARATIONS

THE COLLECT

READINGS

FIRST READING

Louise Hull

When you love someone, you do not love them all the time, in exactly the same way, from moment to moment. It is an impossibility. It is even a lie to pretend to. And yet this is exactly what most of us demand. We have so little faith in the ebb and flow of life, of love, of relationships. We leap at the flow of the tide and resist in terror its ebb. We are afraid it will never return. We insist on permanency, on duration, on continuity; when the only continuity possible, in life as in love, is in growth, in fluidity – in freedom, in the sense that the dancers are free, barely touching as they pass, but partners in the same pattern. The only real security is not in owning or possessing, not in demanding or expecting, not in hoping, even. Security in a relationship lies neither in looking back to what was in nostalgia, nor forward to what it might be in dread or anticipation, but living in the present relationship and accepting it as it is now. Relationships must be like islands, one must accept them for what they are here and now, within their limits – islands, surrounded and interrupted by the sea, and continually visited and abandoned by the tides.

Extract from 'The Gift From The Sea', by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

SECOND READING
Meiko Verbeeck
(Translated from Japanese)

For two people to be happy, it's better to be jovial
You should not aim to impress
Realise that grandeur does not last
You should not aim for perfection
Remind yourself that perfection is not a natural state of existence
All the better if one of the two can be silly or playful
And when you criticise one another
Check if you had the right to be critical
When speaking the truth, deliver it gently
When speaking the truth, recognise that the truth can hurt
Know that demanding respect or striving to be right
Can create unnecessary tension
Instead take time to enjoy the life we have under the sun
There will be fleeting moments as the wind blows past you
And you are overcome with nostalgia and a deep sense of gratitude
For your life and health
I hope one day, you both feel this gratitude without exchanging any words

Epithalamium, by Hiroshi Yoshino

HOMILY

THE WEDDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

THE PEACE

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

