



ORDER OF SERVICE  
FOR THE MARRIAGE OF

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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**

