

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

THE PREFACE

THE DECLARATIONS

THE COLLECT

FIRST READING

1 John 4:7-16, read by Courtney Jefferies

HYMN- Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Written in 1747 by Charles Wesley, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling was inspired by verse 16 of John 1 Chapter 4 - 'And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.'

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning:
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13, read by George Ward-Thompson

THE MARRIAGE

The Vows

The Giving of the Rings

The Proclamation

The Blessing of the Marriage

Signing of the Marriage Document

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Sung by the Choir of Taunton Minster

J. S. Bach originally programmed this work as the finale to a ten-movement liturgical work celebrating the miraculous pregnancies of Mary and Elizabeth from the Gospel of Luke, and God's subversion of the world order through the birth of Christ. "The wondrous hand of the exalted Almighty is active in the mysteries of the earth!" the work proclaims.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Amen.

HYMN - Great is Thy Faithfulness

This poem was written in 1923 by Thomas Chisholm about God's faithfulness over his lifetime. It was set to music that same year, composed by William M. Runyan.

The phrase "great is thy faithfulness" comes from the Old Testament Book of Lamentations 3:23.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be