

Love is the gift,
And love is the giver,
Love is the gold that
Makes the day shine;
Love forgets self to care for the other,
Love changes life from water to wine.

Come to this wedding,
Asking a blessing,
For all the years that living will prove;
Health of the body,
Health of the spirit,
Now to you both we offer our love.

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Tune: Bunessan (traditional Gaelic melody)

Please sit for **The Declarations**

Bride and Groom respond: I will
Congregation responds: **We will**

The Collect

God our Father,
from the beginning
you have blessed creation with abundant life.
Pour out your blessings upon Ellie and Gio,
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.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 13 - Read by Ross Johnston.

Second Reading

'La Felicidad' ('Happiness') by Manuel Acuña - Read by Luis Montero.

*Un cielo azul de estrellas
Brillando en la inmensidad;
Un pájaro enamorado
Cantando en el florestal;
Por ambiente los aromas
Del jardín y el azahar;
Junto a nosotros el agua
Brotando del manantial
Nuestros corazones cerca,
Nuestros labios mucho más,
Tú levantándote al cielo
Y yo siguiéndote allá,
Ese es el amor mi vida,
Esa es la felicidad!*

*A blue sky full of stars
shining in immensity;
a bird in love
singing in the forest;
for atmosphere the aromas
of the garden and the orange blossom;
next to us the water
sprouting from the spring
our hearts close,
our lips much more,
you rising to heaven
and me following you there
that is love, my life,
That is happiness!*

*Cruza con las mismas alas
Los mundos de lo ideal;
Apurar todos los goces,
Y todo el bien apurar;
De los sueños y la dicha
Volver a la realidad,
Despertando entre las flores
De un césped primaveral;
Los dos mirándonos mucho,
Los dos besándonos más,
Ese es el amor, mi vida,
Esa es la felicidad!*

*Cross with the same wings
the worlds of the ideal;
to hurry all the joys,
and to hurry all that is good;
from dreams and bliss
back to reality,
waking up among the flowers
of a spring lawn;
the two of us looking at each other,
the two of us kissing more,
that is love, my life,
That is happiness!*

Homily

A short address given by Revd Daniel Walters, Vicar of St Giles' and St Margaret's.

The Marriage

Please remain seated, as the couple stand before the minister.

The Vows

The Giving of Rings

Heavenly Father, by your blessing
let these rings be to Ellie and Gio
a symbol of unending love and faithfulness,
to remind them of the vow and covenant
which they have made this day
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Please stand for **The Proclamation**

Please sit for **The Blessing of the Marriage**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
for you have created joy and gladness,
pleasure and delight, love, peace and fellowship.
Pour out the abundance of your blessing
upon Ellie and Gio in their new life together.
Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts
and a crown upon their heads.
Bless them in their work and in their companionship;
awake and asleep,
in joy and in sorrow,
in life and in death.

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that banquet
where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home.
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

ALL: Amen.

God the Father,
God the Son,
God the Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve and keep you;
the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace,
that you may please him both in body and soul,
and, living together in faith and love,
may receive the blessings of eternal life.

ALL: Amen.

Signing of the Marriage Document

Music composed and performed by Georgia Harris-Bond.

Please sit for the **Prayers**

After the words "Lord of life and love"

Respond: Hear our prayer

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

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.