



Order of Service

*You are warmly welcomed
to the wedding ceremony of*

Megan Halsted

&

Yiana Shakspeare

**Saturday 26th August 2023
at 1pm**

St John the Baptist Church, Loughton



THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba - Handel

THE WELCOME

HYMN

All things bright and beautiful

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sing
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings:

Refrain

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one:

Refrain

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky

Refrain

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God almighty,
Who has made all things well:

Refrain

THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY

The Vows

The Giving of the Rings

The Proclamation of the Marriage

The Blessing of the Marriage

FIRST READING

A love poem between two lovers
Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6,7,
Read by Sarah Montgomerie

SECOND READING

Touched by an Angel by Maya Angelou.
Read by Simon Shakespeare

HYMN

Lord of the dance

I danced in the morning
When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Chorus:

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe
And the pharisee,
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John
They came with me
And the Dance went on.

Chorus

I danced on the Sabbath
And I cured the lame;
The holy people
Said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung me on high,
And they left me there
On a Cross to die.

Chorus

They cut me down
And I leapt up high;
I am the life
That'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
If you'll live in me —
I am the Lord Of the Dance, said he.

Chorus

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

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

THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

Ave Maria - Schubert

Witnesses: Thomas Halsted and Samora Shakespeare

HYMN
Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

THE DISMISSAL & FINAL BLESSING

**THE DEPARTURE OF THE
BRIDE AND GROOM**

Wedding March - Mendelssohn

