

*FIRST READING*

A reading from Song of Songs, Chapter 2, verses 10 - 13 &  
Chapter 8, verses 6 & 7 read by Lieutenant Commander Fred Flood

My beloved speaks and says to me:

‘Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away;

for now the winter is past,

the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;

the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtle-dove

is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,

and the vines are in blossom;

they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away.’

Set me as a seal upon your heart,

as a seal upon your arm;

for love is strong as death,

passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire,

a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,

neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love

all the wealth of one’s house,

it would be utterly scorned.

## **PRAYER**

### **THE VOWS**

#### **The man says:**

Before God,  
and in the presence  
of our families  
and friends,  
I, Jake Alexander Dove,  
declare my love  
for you, Danielle Alexandra Jackson  
and I give myself to you  
as your husband.  
I promise you my love,  
my loyalty, and my trust  
for as long as we both shall live.

#### **The woman says:**

Before God,  
and in the presence  
of our families  
and friends,  
I, Danielle Alexandra Jackson,  
declare my love  
for you, Jake Alexander Dove  
and I give myself to you  
as your wife.  
I promise you my love,  
my loyalty, and my trust  
for as long as we both shall live.

## **MARRIAGE BLESSING**

## SCRIPTURE READING

### THE ADDRESS

#### *SECOND READING*

THE ART OF MARRIAGE by Wilferd A. Peterson read by Kitt Flood

The little things are the big things. It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.

It is never going to sleep angry. It is at no time taking the other for granted.

The courtship should not end with the honeymoon,  
it should continue through all the years.

It is speaking words of appreciation and  
demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is not expecting the husband to wear a halo  
or the wife to have the wings of an angel.

It is not looking for perfection in each other.  
It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding and a sense of humor.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.  
It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.

It is finding room for the things of the spirit.  
It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is establishing a relationship in which the independence is equal,  
dependence is mutual and the obligation is reciprocal.

It is not only marrying the right partner, it is being the right partner.

## **PRAYER**

### **HYMN**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## **BENEDICTION**

### **SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE SCHEDULE**

### **BRIDE AND GROOM PROCESS OUT OF THE CHURCH**