

Pastoral Introduction

A wedding is one of life's great moments, a time of solemn commitment as well as good wishes, feasting and joy. St John tells us how Jesus shared in such an occasion at Cana and gave there a sign of new beginnings as he turned water into wine.

Marriage is intended by God to be a creative relationship, as his blessing enables husband and wife to love and support each other in good times and bad, and to share in the care and upbringing of their children. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is based upon a solemn, public and life-long covenant between a man and a woman, declared and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses.

On this their wedding day Katherine and Christopher face each other, make their promises and receive God's blessing. You are a witness of their marriage, and express your support by your presence and your prayers. Your support does not end today; Katherine and Christopher will value continued support in the days and years ahead of them.

'Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.'

1 Corinthians 13. 4-7

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

Canon in D, Pachelbel

THE WELCOME

Reverend Jane Colley

HYMN - *We Pledge to one another*

We pledge to one another,
before the Lord above,
entire and whole and perfect,
this union of our love —
a love that will be patient,
a love that will be wise,
that will not twist with envy,
nor lose itself in lies;
a love that will not falter,
a love to hold us fast,
and bind us to each other
as long as life shall last.

We pray that God will guide us
through all the years to be,
our lives be shaped by courage,
hope and serenity.
Through joy and celebration,
through loneliness and pain,
may loyalty, compassion
and tenderness remain,
that those who share the blessing
of love that cannot cease
may walk the paths of gentleness
into the place of peace.

THE DECLARATION

Will you, the families and friends of Katherine and Chris, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

All: We will.

THE MARRIAGE

THE VOWS

THE GIVING OF THE RINGS

THE PROCLAMATION

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

Responses

Rev; Blessed are you, Heavenly Father

All; You give joy to the bride and groom

Rev; Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ

All; You have brought new life to mankind

Rev; Blessed are you, Holy Spirit of God

All; You bring us together in love

Rev; Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit

All; One God be praised for ever. Amen

HYMN - *Sing Hosanna*

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray,
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the break of day.

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
Give me peace in my heart, I pray,
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
Keep me resting till the break of day.

Refrain

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray;
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day.

Refrain

READING

By Nichola Arrowsmith

THE ADDRESS AND PRAYERS

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 SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

Salut D'Amour, Elgar

HYMN

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you.

Chorus

And it's from the old, I travel to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.

Chorus

As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know.

Chorus

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Chorus

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Chorus

THE DISMISSAL & FINAL BLESSING

**THE DEPARTURE OF THE
BRIDE AND GROOM**

The Queen of Sheba, from 'Solomon', Handel

Thank you all so much for being here!

It means so much to both of us having all our nearest and dearest
here today to share in our special day.

Special thanks goes to the wedding party for their patience, love and support
during the wedding preparations and for actually making today happen!

We would also like to thank Reverend Jane Colley for all her help throughout
the wedding preparations and for today's service.

With lots of love,

THE BRIDE & GROOM