

## PROCESSIONAL

### *The Skye Boat Song*

19th century Scottish song, adapted from the Gaelic song composed by William Ross c.1782)

## WELCOME

Celebrant - The Reverend Allen Morgan

## CONGREGATIONAL VOW

**Celebrant:** A marriage extends well beyond the two so joined. It brings together many and it also needs the support of that community to truly thrive. All of us present, and those who could not be present today, yet hold Charles and Karen and Yasmin and Isaac in their hearts, have a commitment to make too. We all promise to support Charles and Karen in their marriage, loving them, and encouraging their love for each other.

**Congregation:** We do.

## FIRST READING

Excerpt from *The Amber Spyglass* by Philip Pullman,  
read by Sandra de Lazslo

## HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee  
The silence of eternity  
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

## **SILENT MEDITATION & PRAYER**

### **HANDBASTING**

With Susan Hacking, Lynne Barnes and Tim Coles

### **SECOND READING**

*Sonnet 116* by William Shakespeare,  
read by Oliver Reed

## **THE VOWS AND BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE**

### THIRD READING

*You Deserve a Lover* by Frida Kahlo,  
read by Elena Vacchelli

### SONG

*Reminisce* - performed by Shrinari,  
music by Rafael Marchante, lyrics by Lucidia Omamori

### FINAL PRAYER

**Celebrant:** Great Spirit, with gratitude we celebrate this beautiful union. As Charles and Karen live their lives together, we pray that their hearts will always be as one with the Universal heart that is the source of all love.

Bless them, Yasmin and Isaac, and their families and friends, and all the relationships which support and sustain them throughout their lives. Support them in nurturing their relationship that it may flourish and may the happiness they share encourage and be shared with others.

May we too, in the witnessing of their sincerity, be moved to keep faith with the expression of love in our own lives, both for those closest and more widely for the family of humankind and all beings.

**Congregation and Celebrant:** So let it be.

### RECESSIONAL

*Mairi's Wedding*

Scottish folk song, adapted from the Gaelic song written by  
John R Bannerman (1865-1938)

**Chief Bridesmaid**

Samantha Hartigan

**Best Man / Best Lady**

Charles Ainslie

Dominique du Plessis

**Bridesmaids / Pageboy**

Yasmin Parsons

Katie van der Walt

Clara-Anne Richards

Isaac Parsons

**Groomsmen**

Guy Richards

Geoffrey Hacking

Alistair Stuart

James Stuart

**Musicians**

Shinari - Lucidia Omamori and Rafael Marchante

Piper - John Harvey