

The Marriage

Hymn

Lord of all Hopefulness

*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.*

Reading by Isaac Short
Song of Songs
Chapter 2, verses 10-13; Chapter 8, verses 6-7

Chapter 2

My beloved spoke and said to me,
 “Arise, my darling,
my beautiful one, come with me.
 See! The winter is past;
 the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth;
 the season of singing has come,
 the cooing of doves
 is heard in our land.
The fig tree forms its early fruit;
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.
 Arise, come, my darling;
my beautiful one, come with me.”

Chapter 8

Place me like a seal over your heart,
 like a seal on your arm;
for love is as strong as death,
its jealousy unyielding as the grave.
 It burns like blazing fire,
 like a mighty flame.
Many waters cannot quench love;
 rivers cannot sweep it away.
 If one were to give
all the wealth of one's house for love,
it would be utterly scorned.

Sermon

Prayers

Poem read by Rebecca Lau

[i carry your heart with me(i carry it in] by e.e cummings

i carry your heart with me(i carry it in
my heart)i am never without it(anywhere
i go you go,my dear;and whatever is done
by only me is your doing,my darling)

i fear

no fate(for you are my fate,my sweet)i want
no world(for beautiful you are my world,my true)
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant
and whatever a sun will always sing is you

here is the deepest secret nobody knows
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life;which grows
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)

Hymn

Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer

*Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream shall flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer
Be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.*