

ORDER OF SERVICE

A SERVICE OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING  
OF THE MARRIAGE OF

SOPHIE ASHFORD

AND

HENRY PRITCHARD

ST MARY'S CHURCH  
SUDELEY CASTLE | WINCHCOMBE  
7 OCTOBER 2023

### **Before the service**

Air from Orchestral Suite No.3 in D Major | J.S. Bach  
Allegro Eine Kleine Nachtmusik | W.A. Mozart  
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring | J.S. Bach  
*Played by Thomas Jesty*

### **The entry of the bride**

Trumpet Voluntary | Jeremiah Clarke

### **Welcome and introduction**

The Revd Wendy Ruffle

### **The Collect**

God our Father,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law.  
Grant to your servants Sophie & Henry  
that, loving one another,  
they may continue in your love until their lives' end:  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### **Hymn**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

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!

### **The Blessing**

#### **Recessional Music**

The Arrival Queen of Sheba | G.F. Handel  
Toccata from Symphony No. 5 for organ in F Minor | C.M. Widor

**MAID OF HONOUR**

Raphaela Ashford

**BEST MAN**

Alex Findley

**BRIDESMAIDS**

Everest Marshall

Eloise Partington

Lucy Rogers

Ruby Stewart-Liberty

**GROOMSMEN & USHERS**

Henry Brereton

Thomas Pritchard

Guy Smith

William Ashford

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