

The Hill School Pottstown, Pennsylvania

### THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major, BWV 1068: II. Air by Johann Sebastian Bach

## THE WELCOME

The Rev Anne Marten Confers

### READING

A reading from the book of Romans 12:9-21 by Julie Corvo

### **DECLARATION OF INTENT**

Families, friends, and all those gathered here with Emily and Scott, will you support and care for them, sustain and pray for them in times of trouble, give thanks with them in times of joy, honor the bonds of their covenant, and affirm the love of God reflected in their life together? **We will.** 

# **MARRIAGE BLESSING**

### **PRAYERS**

We praise you, O God,
for the joy that Emily and Scott
have found in each other,
and we pray that their love and faithfulness
may reflect your gracious love and enrich our common life.
Gracious and faithful God, hear our prayer.

Give them gentleness and patience,
affection and understanding,
readiness to trust one another,
and, when they hurt each other,
grace to acknowledge their fault
and to give and receive forgiveness.
Gracious and faithful God, hear our prayer.

Use us to support Emily and Scott in their lives together.

Give us such a sense of your constant love
that we may employ all our strength in a life of praise of you.

Gracious and faithful God, hear our prayer.

Strengthen and bless friends and family gathered here, even as we call to mind those who are absent from us.

Console those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and be present with those for whom love is a stranger.

Gracious and faithful God, hear our prayer.

Look graciously on the world you have made and for which your Son gave his life. Strengthen marriages, families, and communities everywhere. Defend and guide all who suffer want or anxiety. Gracious and faithful God, **hear our prayer.** 

Accept our prayers, loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

The blessed and holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace, now and forever.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

# THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Signed, Sealed, Delivered (I'm Yours) by Stevie Wonder



# With many thanks

To The Rev Anne Marten Confers for her time in preparing this unique wedding blessing ceremony

To Margie Neiswender for connecting us with The Hill School and arranging for the beautiful venue