

## THE DECLARATIONS

### THE COLLECT

God our Father, from the beginning you have blessed creation with abundant life. Pour out your blessings upon Ellie and Thomas, that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship, in holiness and commitment to each other. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 1-8

Read by Susie Moreau

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails.

## **HOMILY**

Rev'd Dr Robert Rees

### **THE MARRIAGE**

### **THE VOWS**

### **THE GIVING OF RINGS**

### **THE PROCLAMATION**

### **THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace, that you may please him both in body and soul, and, living together in faith and love, may receive the blessings of eternal life.

**Amen.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
for you have created joy and gladness,  
pleasure and delight, love, peace and fellowship.

Pour out the abundance of your blessing  
Upon Ellie and Thomas in their new life together.  
Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts  
and a crown upon their heads.

Bless them in their work and in their companionship;  
awake and asleep, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death.

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that banquet  
where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**READING: AN EXTRACT FROM WINNIE THE POOH BY A.A.MILNE**

Read by Roy Lewis

"If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus  
one day so I never have to live without you."

Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind.

"Pooh?" he whispered. "Yes, Piglet?"

"Nothing", said Piglet, taking Pooh's hand. "I just wanted to be sure  
of you."

"We'll be friends forever, won't we, Pooh?" asked Piglet.

"Even longer", Pooh answered. "If ever there is tomorrow when  
we're not together ... there is always something that you must  
remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you  
seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing  
is, even if we're apart ... I'll always be with you."

**HYMN**

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.

## **PRAYERS CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Led by Claire Bentham, Ordinand

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom