

Order of Service

for the wedding of

Helen Arkless

and

Neil Lawrence

12.30pm | 06.04.2024

St Helen's Church | Waddington

ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE

HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.

Visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

THE DECLARATION

THE MARRIAGE

READINGS

A reading from Saint Paul to the Philippians, ch. 4, versus 4-9
Read by Stephen Lawrence

Love, by Whitney Hanson
Read by John Arkless

THE ADDRESS

By Rev'd Christopher Wood

HYMN

Hymn by Reverend John Pearce, Helen's grandfather

O God, who hast created
This man and maid to be
In marriage-bond related
And kept by thee for thee.

Grant them thy power to strengthen
Their vows before thee made;
That as their years shall lengthen,
Their joy shall never fade.

Keep angel guards around them,
Hear saints around them pray;
Earth's blessings shall surround them
Unto the perfect day.

Give joy and crown eternal,
When life on earth is done;
That with their Lord supernal,
Their place in heaven be won.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

All: 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,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

HYMN

We pledge to one another,
before the Lord above,
entire and whole and perfect,
this union of our love —
a love that will be patient,
a love that will be wise,
that will not twist with envy,
nor lose itself in lies;
a love that will not falter,
a love to hold us fast,
and bind us to each other
as long as life shall last.

We pray that God will guide us
through all the years to be,
our lives be shaped by courage,
hope and serenity.

Through joy and celebration,
through loneliness and pain,
may loyalty, compassion
and tenderness remain,
that those who share the blessing
of love that cannot cease
may walk the paths of gentleness
into the place of peace.

THE DISMISSAL & FINAL BLESSING