

BRIDAL PROCESSION

'Prince of Denmark's March', Trumpet Voluntary by Jeremiah Clarke

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

'The Bridal Chorus' from the Opera 'Lohengrin' by Richard Wagner

THE WELCOME

The Revd Celia Bowring

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All: **and also with you**

‘God is love, and those who live in love live in
God and God lives in them.’

1 John 4.16



HYMN 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'

Lyrics: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

**Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.**

All things bright ...

**The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky.**

All things bright ...

**The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden
He made them every one:**

All things bright ...

**He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.**



THE PREFACE

The Revd Celia Bowring

THE DECLARATIONS

Will you, the families and friends of Alexis and Dorine, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

All: **We will.**

THE COLLECT

All: **Amen**

FIRST READING- *Nadine Reddy*

Reading from 1Corinthians 13:1

'If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.'



SECOND READING- *Sébastien Dumont*

by Ram Dass

‘As long as you are under the illusion that what you are loving is 'out there', you will always experience a separateness. It is only when you begin to understand that if you and I are truly in love, if I go to the place in me that is love and you to the place in you that is love, we are 'together' in Love. We start to understand that what love means is that we are sharing a common state together. That state exists in you and it exists in me.’

THIRD READING- *Chevonese Gilhooly*

by Khalil Gibran from "The Prophet"

‘Let there be spaces in your togetherness, and let the winds of the heavens dance between you. Love one another but make not a bond of love: Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls. Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup. Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf. Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone, Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music. Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping. For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts. And stand together, yet not too near together: For the pillars of the temple stand apart, And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow.’

THE SERMON



HYMN 'Amazing Grace'

Lyrics: John Newton (1725-1807)

Music: William Walker (1809-1875)

**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!**

**The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.**

THE MARRIAGE

THE VOWS

THE GIVING OF THE RINGS

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MARRIAGE

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

All: Amen



THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

HYMN 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'

Lyrics: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: W. P. Rowlands (1860-1937)

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, 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 grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy 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:
Pure 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 PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

Faithful God, holy and eternal, source of life and spring of love,
We thank and praise you for bringing Alexis and Dorine to this
day, and we pray for them.

Lord of life and love:

hear our prayer.

May their marriage be life-giving and life-long,
enriched by your presence and strengthened by your grace;
May they bring comfort and confidence to each other in
faithfulness and trust.

Lord of life and love:

hear our prayer.

May the hospitality of their home bring refreshment and joy
to all around;

may their love overflow to neighbours in need
and embrace those in distress.

Lord of life and love:

hear our prayer.

May they discern in your word
order and purpose for their lives;
and may the power of your Holy Spirit
lead them in truth and defend them in adversity.

Lord of life and love:

hear our prayer.

May they nurture their family with devotion,
see their children grow in body, mind and spirit
and come at last to the end of their lives
with hearts content and in joyful anticipation of heaven.

Lord of life and love:

hear our prayer.



Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
**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 'Tell Out, My Soul'

Lyrics: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-)

Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of His word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

