

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE**

*If able, please stand for the entrance of the bride.*

### **THE WELCOME**

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### **OPENING PRAYER**

*God our Father, from the beginning  
you have blessed creation with abundant life.  
Pour out your blessings upon Charlotte and Brandon,  
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.*

**ALL: Amen**

### **HYMN**

#### **ONE MORE STEP ALONG THE WORLD I GO**

One more step along the world I go  
One more step along the world I go

From the old things to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you

Round the corners of the world I turn  
More and more about the world I learn  
    And the new things that I see  
    You'll be looking at along with me  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
    Keep me traveling along with you

As I travel through the bad And good  
Keep me traveling the way I should  
    Where I see no way to go  
    You'll be telling me the way, I know  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
    Keep me traveling along with you

Give me courage when the world is rough  
Keep me loving though the world is tough  
    Leap and sing in all I do  
    Keep me traveling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
    Keep me traveling along with you

You are older than the world can be  
You are younger than the life in me  
    Ever old and ever new  
    Keep me traveling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
    Keep me traveling along with you

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

*Will you, the families and friends of Charlotte and Brandon,  
support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?*

**ALL: We will**

## FIRST READING

*The Giraffe and the Monkey read by Munitta Muthana*

Wherever we go  
Whatever we do  
Whenever there's me  
I hope that there's you.

Now Money is Funny, it can make people odd.  
You forget to be happy, and you live for your job  
And fashion, is a passion, beset with a flaw  
You can dress to excess, but you'll always need more

And a muscle toned body, may sound like a dream  
But no body is better, than chocolate ice cream  
What I'm trying to say, is that happiness grows  
Not through your wages, or body or clothes

But in laughter and love, and in sharing your life.  
In the arms of another as husband and wife.  
So when you find someone who's weird just like you  
Who laughs when you're stupid and who makes you laugh too.

When you sit on the sofa, not hiding your flaws.  
As imperfectly perfect, as the hand that holds yours.  
When the fortune of kings, or purse of a beggar.  
Won't change how it feels, just being together.

When a cuddle and cuppa is all that you need  
Well then, you've found something quite special indeed.

Wherever we go  
Whatever we do  
Whenever there's me  
I hope that there's you.

**HYMN**  
**LORD OF THE DANCE**

I danced in the morning  
When the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon  
And the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven  
And I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem  
I had my birth.

**Dance, then, wherever you may be,**  
**I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,**  
**And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,**  
**And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he**

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
But they would not dance  
And they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
For James and John  
They came with me  
And the Dance went on.

**CHORUS**

I danced on the Sabbath  
And I cured the lame;  
The holy people  
Said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
And they hung me on high,  
And they left me there  
On a Cross to die.

## CHORUS

I danced on a Friday  
When the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance  
With the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
And they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance,  
And I still go on.

## CHORUS

They cut me down  
And I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
That'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
If you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord  
Of the Dance, said he.

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 13.1-13 read by Liam Brennan*

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.

## **SERMON**

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## **THE MARRIAGE**

### **THE GIVING OF RINGS**

*Heavenly Father, by your blessing  
let these rings be to Charlotte and Brandon  
a symbol of unending love and faithfulness,  
to remind them of the vow and covenant  
which they have made this day  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**ALL: Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION**

## **THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE**

*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 Brandon and Charlotte 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.*

**ALL: Amen.**

*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.*

**ALL: Amen.**

**HYMN**

**GIVE ME JOY IN MY HEART (SING HOSANNA)**

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
Keep me praising 'til the end of day

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna**  
**Sing hosanna to the King of kings**  
**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna**  
**Sing hosanna to the King**

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting  
Keep me resting til the end of day

**CHORUS**

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
Give me love in my heart, I pray  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
Keep me serving til the end of day

**CHORUS**

Give me light in my heart, keep me shining  
Give me light in my heart, I pray  
Give me light in my heart, keep me shining  
Keep me shining til the end of day

**CHORUS**