

OPENING HYMN

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Chorus

*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

Chorus

The purple headed mountains
The rivers running by
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

OPENING PRAYER

Father Paul

FIRST READING - Read by Matt P Evans

A reading based on the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Love is a very special and beautiful gift. It brings out the very best in people. Without it we are nothing.

Love has often been described in various ways. It means something to each of us. Perhaps a good definition of it is the joyous feeling we experience as a result of a strong attachment to someone. However, it does not just remain with us but is something we share with others in our daily lives. It is the basis of our Christian Faith.

In order to receive love, one must love. Many people search for it all their lives, they are so busy trying to be loved that they often forget to love. Love is not often restricted, it has no barriers. It is not always perfect, nor does it pretend to be. Love is bearing the good with the bad. It is being there when someone needs you. It means saying a comforting word in times of stress.

Love is something sacred and it should be cherished. It is also the basis of any strong relationship. It is present between husband and wife, parents and their children, sisters and brothers, relatives and friends, it is everywhere. We must try to always reach out to those around us. Christ showed us how to love.

Love has no end.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - Read by Susanne Gronnow

A reading based on the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Give yourself to one another completely, be generous in your giving and make no conditions for these gifts. Love one another constantly and fully.

Be humble in your acceptance of your partner's love. Be honest with each other, be thankful for each other's love and strive to develop its richness day by day.

Respect each other in every way. Be patient with one another's weaknesses and accept each other for what you are, not for what you wish one another to be.

Communicate constantly with one another, be calm, patient, tolerant and reasonable in your communication.

Be capable of good listening. Share with one another misfortune and fortune alike. Be compassionate and express your love for one another constantly. Know your limitations and be honest with yourself as you are with one another.

Fuse your souls into one and be happy for the love you have been so fortunate to find in one another.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING - Read by Simon Roberts

Falling in Love is Like Owning a Dog

by Taylor Mali

Falling in love is like owning a dog
First of all, it's a big responsibility.
So think long and hard before deciding on love.

On the other hand, love gives you a sense of security: when
you're walking down the street late at night and you have a
leash on love, no one is going to mess with you.

On cold winter nights, love is warm. It lies between you and
lives and breathes and makes funny noises.
Love wakes you up all hours of the night with its needs. It
needs to be fed so it will grow and stay healthy.

Love doesn't like being left alone for long. But come home
and love is always happy to see you.
It may break a few things accidentally in its passion for life,
but you can never be mad at love for long.

Is love good all the time? No! No!
Love can be bad.
Bad, love, bad!
Very bad love.

Love makes messes. Love leaves you little surprises here and
there.

Love needs lots of cleaning up after. Sometimes you just want
to get love fixed.

Sometimes you want to roll up a piece of newspaper and swat
love on the nose, not so much to cause pain, just to let love
know don't you ever do that again!

Sometimes love just wants to go for a nice long walk. Because
love loves exercise.

It runs you around the block and leaves you panting. It pulls
you in several different directions at once, or winds around
and around you until you're all wound up and can't move.

But love makes you meet people wherever you go. People who
have nothing in common but love stop and talk to each other
on the street.

Throw things away and love will bring them back, again, and
again, and again.

But most of all, love needs love, lots of it.
And in return, love loves you and never stops.

GOSPEL READING

Father Paul: A reading from the Gospel of St. John Ch. 15

HOMILY

Father Paul

SECOND HYMN

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.

*Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more
Feed me till I want no more.*

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream shall flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all thy journey through.

*Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield
Be thou still my strength and shield.*

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.

*Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee
I will ever give to thee.*

RITE OF MARRIAGE

BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS

BIDDING PRAYERS - Read by Maisie Kelly

Lord, we ask you to bless Sarah and Alan as they begin their married journey together. We pray their lives together will be filled with happiness. That together they will face the challenges of life whilst supporting one another and remain true friends throughout. May their home be filled with love, laughter and good health. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for the parents, families and friends united here today who have come from near and far. May they continue to be a source of support and encouragement to Sarah and Alan. By this marriage, two families have been united, may the members of these families also benefit from the loving support and encouragement they offer. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Lord, we are blessed today to be gathered together for a happy occasion. Let us give thanks for our own blessings, for the gifts of life and health, which we so often take for granted and pray for all those who are suffering at this time due to illness, loneliness, injustice or hardship. Let us remember those who care for them, that God will give them the hope and inner strength they need. We also pray for the Earth, our common home. Grant us the wisdom to care for it now, for the good of future generations and all your creatures, great and small. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We remember today with special love, friends and family members who touched our lives and have gone before us, but are with us today in spirit. Those who would have loved to share the joy and happiness of this day as we remember their smile, their laughter and all they taught us. May they remain in our thoughts and prayers and live on through us. Lord, bless them and keep them in your care, until one day we are reunited with them in the joy of eternal life. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

NUPTIAL BLESSING

Father Paul

FINAL HYMN

JERUSALEM

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountain green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,

Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

SIGNING OF THE REGISTERS

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Thaxted (I vow to thee my country) - Gustav Holst