

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.

### **THE PREFACE**

### **THE DECLARATIONS**

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

All: **We will.**

### **THE COLLECT**

### **FIRST READING**

*A reading from Genesis, Chapter 32, Verses 24-30.*

*Read by Patrick Campbell*

And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob".

Then he said, "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Tell me, I pray, your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peni'el, saying, "For I have seen God face to face...."

## SECOND READING

*And did those feet in ancient time, William Blake.*

*Read by Yuiko Asaba*

And did those feet in ancient time,  
Walk upon England's mountains 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 these 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 & pleasant Land.

### THIRD READING

*A reading from Mattheu, Chapter 22, Verses 36-40.*

*Read by Margaret Venning*

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

### SERMON

The Revd Dr Jonathan Rowe

### HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.*

*Charles Wesley (words) / William Penfro Rowlands (melody -  
Blaenwern)*

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 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 MARRIAGE**

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

### **THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE**

*During this time, Rica Asaba and Yuiko Asaba will play the following  
Argentine tango pieces*

***Por Una Cabeza*** - Carlos Gardel

***Volter*** - Carlos Gardel

## PRAYERS

*Prayers shall be led by Jonathan Venning*

Faithful God, holy and eternal,  
Source of life and spring of love,  
We thank and praise you for bringing Malcolm and Ruiko to this day,  
And we pray for them,  
Lord of life and love  
All: **"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  
All: **"Hear our prayer."**

Grant them Jacob's courage to wrestle with life's challenges,  
And to do what is right in your eyes.  
May they not cease from mental fight,  
And help them build their life here on earth together.  
Lord of life and love  
All: **"Hear our prayer."**

May they embody your commandment to love their neighbours as  
themselves,  
And may they serve and defend all whilst upholding integrity,  
impartiality, objectivity, and honesty.  
Lord of life and love  
All: **"Hear our prayer."**

May the hospitality of their home,  
Bring refreshment and joy to all around them;  
May their love overflow to neighbours in need,  
And embrace those in distress.  
Lord of life and love  
All: **"Hear our prayer."**

Father of all,  
In Jesus Christ you open to us the treasures of your kingdom;  
Guide us by your holy spirit that we may receive your redeeming  
grace and reflect the perfect unity of your love.  
For you live and reign, one God now and forever,  
All: **"Amen."**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT (COMMUNION)**

*At this point in the service, Malcolm and Ruiko will receive communion  
together*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

***I Vow to Thee My Country***

*Sir Cecil Arthur Rice (words) / Gustav Holst (melody - Thaxted [as used in Jupiter])*

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

**BLESSING**

**THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE & GROOM**

***The Dam Busters***

*Eric Coates.*

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