


Order of Service
for the wedding ceremony of



RICHARD SMITH
and
HELEN CAUSLEY
10th August 2024

St Mary's Church, Appleton Wiske
Conducted by The Venerable Simon Golding

Thank you so much for being here on our special day.

*“In all the world, there is no heart for me like yours.
In all the world, there is no love for you like mine.”*

Maya Angelou

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

"A Thousand Years" - Christina Perri

THE WELCOME

The Venerable Simon Golding

THE PRAYER

said by all

**God of wonder and of joy:
grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
Without you, we cannot please you;
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
that we may worship you now
with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Forgive our foolish ways
Reclothe us in our rightful mind
In purer lives thy service find
In deeper reverence praise
In deeper reverence praise

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian Sea
The gracious calling of the Lord
Let us, like them without a word
Rise up and follow thee
Rise up and follow thee

Drop thy still dews of quietness
Til all our strivings cease
Take from our souls the strain and stress
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace
The beauty of thy peace

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire
O still small voice of calm
O still small voice of calm

THE PREFACE

THE DECLARATIONS

Minister says:

*Will you, the families and friends of Richard and Helen
Support and uphold them in their marriage
now and in years to come?*

All: We will

THE COLLECT

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

FIRST READING

*A Reading from 1 Corinthians 13
Read by Gillian Causley*

SECOND READING

*I Carry Your Heart by E E Cummings
Read by Lorna Hazelwood*

THE ADDRESS

HYMN

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
we stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
with splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place**

THE MARRIAGE

THE VOWS AND THE GIVING OF THE RINGS

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MARRIAGE

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

HYMN

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace
Be there at our homing and give us we pray
Your love in our hearts Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.**

THE PRAYERS concluding with the Lord's Prayer

*Each time the priest says the bidding "Lord of Life and Love",
the congregation is invited to respond with the words
"Hear our prayer".*

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**

THE BLESSING

THE SIGNING OF THE REGISTERS

Music by Last Anthem

THE RECESSIONAL

"Grow Old With Me" - Tom Odell

PHOTOGRAPHS OUTSIDE

Once the photographs have been taken, in an Appleton Wiske tradition, the children will exit via the side gate and make their way to the other side of the front gate.

The front gate will be tied shut - the Best Man will throw money bags out for the children before cutting the ties to open the front gate.

There is a named money bag for each child.

The Ushers will be on hand to direct and guide everyone.

Thank you all so much for being here!

It means so much to both of us having all our nearest and dearest here today. Thank you.

We would like to thank Linda Breckon and her team for all the help with the amazing flowers; Nigel and Last Anthem for sharing their musical talents with us all; and Nicola and Stuart for their amazing catering efforts that you'll all get to enjoy later.

A huge thank you to everyone that helped with decorations to make the venues look so beautiful and provide our fabulous photographer Caroline with such magical backgrounds to capture our special day.

Finally, we would like to thank both sets of parents for their amazing help, inspiration, and love. Thank you.

With lots of love,

Richard and Helen

*“Once upon a time, I became yours and you became mine
And we'll stay together through the tears and the laughter
because that's what they call happily ever after.”*

Kathy R Jeffords



HEAD BRIDESMAID

Kate Eksteen

BEST MAN

Robert Johnson

BRIDESMAIDS

Sharon Redgard

Lorna Hazelwood

USHERS

Philip Leon

Mark Constantine

WITNESES

Paul Smith

Mike Causley