

## **First Hymn – We pledge to one another.**

We pledge to one another,  
before the Lord above,  
entire and whole and perfect,  
this union of our love —  
a love that will be patient,  
a love that will be wise,  
that will not twist with envy,  
nor lose itself in lies;  
a love that will not falter,  
a love to hold us fast,  
and bind us to each other  
as long as life shall last.

We pray that God will guide us  
through all the years to be,  
our lives be shaped by courage,  
hope and serenity.  
Through joy and celebration,  
through loneliness and pain,  
may loyalty, compassion  
and tenderness remain,  
that those who share the blessing  
of love that cannot cease  
may walk the paths of gentleness  
into the place of peace.

## **The Marriage Ceremony**

### **Blessings**

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 Sophie and Ruvern 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.

Amen

**Second Hymn - For the beauty of the earth**

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light:

Refrain

For thyself, best gift divine,  
To our race so freely given;  
For that great, great love of Thine,  
Peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

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## **Readings**

First reading – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8A read by Rebecca Brown

Second reading – Peter 4:8-10 read by Simon Weir

## **The Address**

Revd David Bendor-Samuel speaks about marriage  
and the couple's journey.

## **Prayers & 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,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

## **Signing the marriage document**

Music - Perfect Ed Sherran  
Witnesses – Melanie Brown & Cara Taylor