


*Order of Service*  
for the Marriage of



*Roy Allington*  
to  
*Wendy-Ann*

*1.30pm, 18th May 2024*  
*St Mary's Church, Hitchin*

*The Rev. Chris Bunce*

Bridesmaid; Jamie Green  
Bride's Companion; Eileen Berry  
Best Man; Gursharan Sahota  
Bride's Escort; Wesley Hazelwood  
Ushers; Greg Hider, Alan Hills  
Officiant; Rev Chris Bunce  
Director of music; Alan Childs  
Solo Flautist; Liz Childs  
The Choir of St Marys Hitchin

Introductory music  
Sheep may safely graze; J.S.Bach  
Silent worship; G.F.Handel  
O perfect love; D. Gurney  
Make me a channel of your peace; S. Temple

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE  
Trumpet tune, Andrew Carter

THE WELCOME & PREFACE  
The Revd Chris Bunce

Roy & Wendy light a candle to remember those  
unable to join them in person today

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
praise with us the god of grace

Carole Barker reads

The 1st reading

Song of Solomon 2:10-13 and 8:6-7

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away, for behold,  
the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.

the time of singing has come and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land. The fig tree ripens its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.

Place me like a seal over your heart. Like a seal on your arm;  
for love is as strong as death its jealousy unyielding as the grave.

It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.

Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away.

If one were to give all the wealth of one's house for love,  
it would be utterly scorned.

The second reading is from Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then As God's chosen ones holy and beloved, compassionate hearts,  
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and  
if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other;  
as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

And above all these put on love, which binds everything  
together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed  
you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing  
one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gursharan Sahota reads the 'DOJO KUN' (KARATE Promise)

Hitotsu! Jinkaku kansei ni tsutomuru koto!  
Hitotsu! Makato no michi o mamoru koto!  
Hitotsu! Doryoku no seishin o yashinai koto!  
Hitotsu! Reigi o omonsuru koto!  
Hitotsu! Kekki no yu o imashimuru koto!

Meaning

One! To strive for the perfection  
One! To defend the paths of Truth  
One! To foster the spirit of effort!  
One! To honour the principles of etiquette!  
One! To guard against impetuous courage!

the Choir sing the Anthem  
Love Divine. setting Cristopher Tambling.

This setting was commissioned by Liz Childs as a Silver wedding 'gift' for Alan.  
it was first performed by our choir

## Rev Chris Bunce address

### Marriage Anthem

My true love hath my heart.

Poem written by Sir Philip Sidney 1554-1586

music Setting by John Rutter

My true love hath my heart, and I have his,  
By just exchange one for the other given:  
I hold his dear, and mine he cannot miss;  
There never was a better bargain driven.  
His heart in me keeps me and him in one,  
My heart in him his thoughts and senses guides:  
He loves my heart, for once it was his own;  
I cherish his, because in me it bides.  
His heart his wound received from my sight,  
My heart was wounded with his wounded heart;  
For as from me, on him his hurt did light,  
So still methought in me his hurt did smart.  
Both equal hurt, in this change sought our bliss:  
My true love hath my heart, and I have his.

The Declarations, Vows, Giving of rings are shared  
and the Marriage is Blessed

Rev Chris ask all the congregation -

"will you the family and friends of Roy and Wendy support & uphold them  
in their marriage, now and in the years to come?"

All: "WE WILL"

## Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of Heav'n 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 heartt

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore 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 Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

The prayers; led by Rev. Chris

**The Choir** say the chorister's prayer, feel free join them;

Bless O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple,  
Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts.  
and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

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 & ever Amen

signing the register,  
during which The choir sings;  
I was glad by Hubert Parry (Psalm 122)

The couple walk to the high Altar for the Blessing  
the choir sing;  
The Lord bless you and keep you (Numbers 6:24-26) setting John  
Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The lord make his face to shine upon you,  
to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace

*Mr & Mrs Hazelwood* walk from church to;  
Toccata in F Charles-Marie Widor

If you would like to support the work of  
St Marys Church  
there is an opportunity to do so  
at the back of church, thank you

*Thank you for sharing our day  
& making it so special with your  
joy, love and kindness*

*R&W*