

The love that asks no questions
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

Reading: Camomile Tea by Katherine Mansfield

Read by Janet Livingstone

Preface

The Minister reads the Preface, which sets out some of the Church's teaching about Marriage.

The Declarations

The Minister asks the congregation and the couple if they know any reason why they should not marry, and then asks the couple to make their declaration of intent.

The Ministers says to the congregation: Will you, the families and friends of Thomas and Miriam support and uphold them in their Marriage now and in the years to come

All say: We Will

The Collect

The Minister invites the people to pray, silence is kept and the Minister says the Collect Prayer.

The Marriage

The Vows

The Minister introduces the Vows: Thomas and Miriam,
I now invite you to join hands and make your vows,
in the presence of God and his people.

The Giving of Rings

The Minister receives the rings, blesses them, and invites the couple to place them on each other's ring finger.

The Proclamation

The Minister addresses the people and proclaims the Marriage.

The Blessing of the Marriage

The husband and wife kneel, and the Minister pronounces the nuptial blessing.

Bible Reading: From The Song of Solomon (2:10-13, 16-17)

Read by Jacob Hargreaves

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 flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing[d] 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.
My beloved is mine, and I am his;
he grazes[f] among the lilies.
Until the day breathes
and the shadows flee,
turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle
or a young stag on cleft mountains.

Sermon

The Reverend Dan Stork Banks

Hymn: Tell out my Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore

Registration of the Marriage

Witnessed by Laura Hargreaves & David Livingstone

Music during the Signing of the Register – Aria Duet by JS Bach,
Played by Emma Cookson and Richard Cookson

Prayers

Led by Holly McSweeney

The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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: Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on

Glory, Glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on