

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