

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 from the Song of Solomon

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

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 Christopher Tambling.

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