



Lesley Margaret
Sloan

and

William Noel
Collins

ORDER OF SERVICE

1ST OF JUNE 2024 | 4PM

St. Mary The Virgin Church | MARSHFIELD

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Reverend Canon Sally Wheeler
to music: "**Only Love**" by The Turtles

THE WELCOME

Reverend Canon Sally Wheeler

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

All: and also with you

God is love and those who live in love live in God
and God abides in them

1 John 4.16

**All: God of wonder and of joy:
grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
Without you, we cannot please you;
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
that we may worship you now
with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

HYMN

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

THE PREFACE

In the presence of God Father Son and Holy Spirit we have come together to witness the marriage of Lesley and Noel
to pray for God's blessing on them
to share their joy and to celebrate their love

THE DECLARATIONS

Will you, the families and friends of Lesley and Noel, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to **come**?

All: We will.

THE COLLECT

FIRST READING

Two Are Better Than One Ecclesiastes 4 verses 9 -12

reading by *Anna Edgar*

Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labour:

If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.

Also, if two lie down together,
they will keep warm.

But how can one keep warm alone?

Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

SECOND READING

Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6,7

reading by *Daisy Woods*

My beloved speaks and says to me:

'Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle dove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away'.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.

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

THE ADDRESS

Reverend Canon Sally Wheeler

HYMN

We pledge to one another,
before the Lord above,
complete and full 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

The Vows

The Giving of Rings

The proclamation

The Blessing of the Marriage

Registration of the Marriage

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

led by Mike Strathdee Licensed Lay Preacher
Prayers of Thanksgiving; Faithfulness, Joy and Love

Each time Mike says the bidding **“Lord of Life and Love”**, the congregation is invited to respond with the words

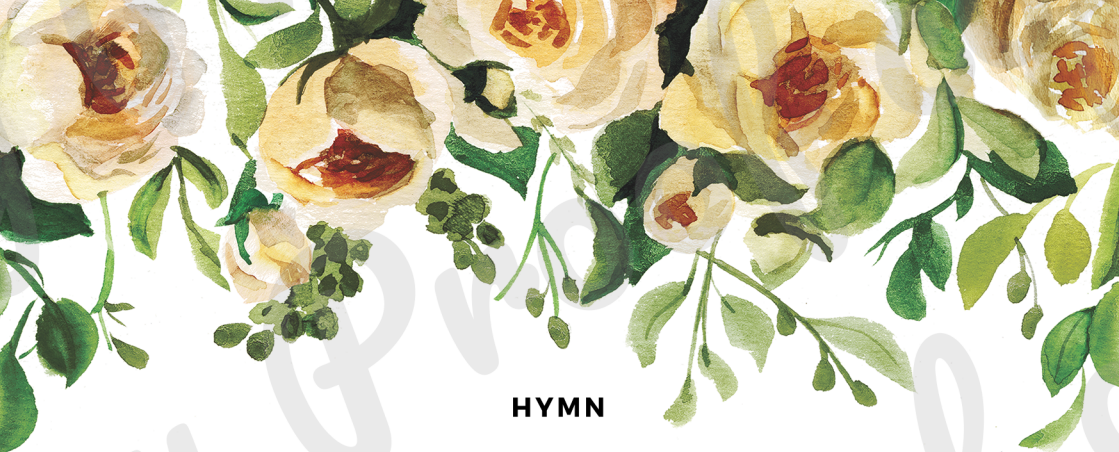
“Hear our prayer”.

and at the end

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers

**All: Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**All: 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

Morning has broken, like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

THE DISMISSAL & FINAL BLESSING

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba - Handel
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