

*Please SIT for the:*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the Song of Songs (2: 8-10-14. 15)

*read by Mrs Andrea Mederos*

*I hear my Beloved. See how he comes leaping on the mountains, bounding over the hills. My Beloved is like a gazelle, like a young stag. See where he stands behind our wall. He looks in at the window, he peers through the lattice.*

*My Beloved lifts up his voice, he says to me, 'Come then, my love, my lovely one, come. My dove, hiding in the clefts of the rock. In the coverts of the cliff, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet and your face is beautiful.'*

*My beloved is mine and I am his. Set me like a seal on your heart, like a seal on your arm. For love is strong as Death, jealousy relentless as Sheol. The flash of it is a flash of fire, a flame of the Lord himself. Love no flood can quench, no torrents drown.*

*The word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*The cantor first sings the response which is then repeated by all, and again by all after each of the psalm verses:*

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***  
***Praise Him with the sound of trumpets.***

*Words: Psalm 150*

*Music: Colin Mawby (1936 - 2019)*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (12: 31- 13:8)  
*read by Miss Reece Johnson*

*Be ambitious for the higher gifts.*

*And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.  
If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love,  
I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of  
prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing  
everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but  
without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess,  
piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it,  
but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.*

*Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous;  
love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish;  
it does not take offence, and is not resentful.  
Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth;  
it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope,  
and to endure whatever comes.  
Love does not come to an end.*

*The word of the Lord*  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The cantor first sings the ALLELUIA which is then repeated by all and again  
after the verse which is sung by the choir.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father,  
and He shall give you another Comforter that He may bide with you forever,  
ev'n the Spirit of Truth. Alleluia!*

*Words: John 14: 15-17  
Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-85)*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Revd Deacon Gerard Fishwick*

*The Lord be with you*  
**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT**

*A reading from the + Holy Gospel + according to + John*  
**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD**

*Jn. 15: 9-12*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

Love one another, as I have loved you.”

The Gospel of the Lord  
**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST**

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## **THE HOMILY**

*Revd Deacon Gerard Fishwick*

*Please stand for the:*

## **THE RITE OF MARRIAGE**

The Vows

The Blessing & Exchange of Rings & Garlands

## **THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

*read by Mrs Louise Fish*

*Each petition concludes with the invocation Lord, hear us,  
to which the response is:*

**LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*The Deacon invites all present to pray the prayer that Jesus 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. Amen**

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## **THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE**

*Whilst the civil and church registers are completed in the Anderton Chapel,  
Lisha and Matt respectfully ask you to reflect quietly whilst the choir sings:*

*Ave Maria - Franz Abt (1819-85)*

*A New Commandment - Richard Shephard (1949-2021)*