

**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**

THE PREFACE

We have come together in the presence of God , to witness the marriage of Samantha Louise and Jason Lee, to ask his blessing on them, and to share in their joy. Our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a guest at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and through his spirit he is with us now.

The Bible teaches us that marriage is a gift of God in creation and a means of his grace, a holy mystery in which a man and woman become one flesh. It is God's purpose that, as husband and wife give themselves to each other in love throughout their lives, they shall be united in that love as Christ is united with his Church.

Marriage is given, that the husband and wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty in sorrow and in joy. It is given, that with delight and tenderness they may know each other in love, and, through the joy of their bodily union, may strengthen the union of their hearts and lives.

It is given as the foundation of family life in which children may be born and nurtured in accordance with God's will, to his praise and glory.

In marriage husband and wife belong to one another and they begin a new life together in the community. It is a way of life that all should honour; and it must not be undertaken carelessly, lightly, or selfishly, but reverently, responsibly, and after serious thought

This is a way of life, created and hallowed by God, that Samantha and Jason are now to begin. They will each give their consent to the other; they will join hands and exchange solemn vows, and in a token of this they will (each) give and receive a ring.

Therefore, on this their wedding day we pray with them, that, strengthened and guided by God, they may fulfil his purpose for the whole of their earthly life together.

THE DECLARATIONS

Minister to the congregation;

First I am required to ask anyone present who knows a reason why these persons may not lawfully marry, to declare it now.

Minister to the couple;

The vows you are about to take are to be made in the presence of God, who is judge of all and knows all the secrets of our hearts; therefore if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

Minister to Bridegroom;

Jason lee will you take Samantha Louise to be your wife?

Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and , forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

He answers; I will.

Minister to the Bride:

Samantha Louise will you take Jason Lee to be your husband?

Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

She answers; I will.

To the congregation; Will you , the families and friends of Samantha louise and Jason Lee, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in years to come?

We will.

THE COLLECT

Prayer in silence; God our father, from the beginning you have blessed creation with abundant life.

Pour out your blessings upon Samantha and Jason, that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship, in holiness and commitment to each other. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Reading

1 Corinthians 13 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Homily.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and

the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE MARRIAGE

**Hymn: ; Give me joy in my heart
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the break of day:**

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.**

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Give me peace in my heart, I pray;
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Keep me loving till the break of day:**

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.**

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray;
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day:**

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.**

THE VOWS

Samantha and Jason, I now invite you to join hands and make your vows, in the presence of God and his people.

I Jason Lee Gratton take you, Samantha Louise Palmer, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, til death do us part, according to God's holy law. In the presence of God I make this vow.

Samantha repeats.

THE GIVING OF THE RINGS

Minister; Heavenly Father, by your blessing let these rings be to Samantha and Jason a symbol of unending love and faithfulness, to remind them of the vow and covenant which they have made this day through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Samantha, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy spirit.

Jason, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, all that I have I share with you.

Within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy spirit.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MARRIAGE

In the presence of God, and before this congregation, Samantha and Jason have given their consent and made their marriage vows to each other.

They have declared their marriage by the joining of hands and by the giving and receiving of rings. I therefore proclaim that they are husband and wife.

The Blessing of the Marriage

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have created joy and gladness,
pleasure and delight, love, peace and fellowship.**

**Pour out the abundance of your blessing
upon Samantha and Jason in their new life together.
Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts
and a crown upon their heads.**

**Bless them in their work and in their companionship;
awake and asleep,
in joy and in sorrow,
in life and in death.**

**Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that banquet
where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home.
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

All Amen.

God the Father,

God the Son,

God the Holy Spirit,

bles, preserve and keep you;

**the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace, that you may please
him both in body and soul,
and, living together in faith and love, may receive the blessings of eternal
life.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

Faithful God,

holy and eternal,

source of life and spring of love,

we thank and praise you for bringing Samantha and Jason to this day, and

we pray for them. Lord of life and love:

All; hear our prayer.

May their marriage be life-giving and life-long,

enriched by your presence and strengthened by your grace;

may they bring comfort and confidence to each other in faithfulness and trust.

Lord of life and love:

All; hear our prayer.

May the hospitality of their home

bring refreshment and joy to all around them;

may their love overflow to neighbours in need and embrace those in distress.

Lord of life and love:

All; hear our prayer.

May they discern in your word order and purpose for their lives;

and may the power of your Holy Spirit lead them in truth and defend them in adversity.

Lord of life and love:

All; hear our prayer.

May they nurture their family with devotion,

see their children grow in body, mind and spirit

and come at last to the end of their lives with hearts content and in joyful anticipation of heaven. Lord of life and love:

All; hear our prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us.

All ; Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory
forever and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn Lord of the dance

*I danced in the morning
When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem
I had my birth.*

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe
And the pharisee,
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John
They came with me
And the Dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he

*I danced on the Sabbath
And I cured the lame;
The holy people
Said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung me on high,
And they left me there
On a Cross to die.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he*

*I danced on a Friday
When the sky turned black
It's hard to dance
With the devil on your back.
They buried my body
And they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance,
And I still go on.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he*

*They cut me down
And I leapt up high;
I am the life
That'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
If you'll live in me -
I am the Lord
Of the Dance, said he.*

The Blessing

The minister says

*God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and
love defend you on every side, and guide you in the
truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with
you always.
Amen.*

Registration of the marriage

**Thank you all so much for coming, and for your on
going love and support. Sam and Jason x
Reception to follow at ;
nmcc sports bar
Summerlease Park.
off Summerlease Road
Maidenhead
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