


Order of Service
for the wedding ceremony of



Celebrating the Marriage of
Frank
And
Martin

17th May 2024

Manchester Registry Office, Heron House

Thank you so much for being here.

Music on Arrival

Gymnopédie, Eric Satie, Played by Artur

THE WELCOME

Reading - Love and Marriage, Kahlil Gibrán

We were born to be together
And together we shall be forevermore.
We shall be together
When the white wings of death scatter our days.
You shall be together even in the silent memory of our friends..
But let there be spaces in our togetherness,
And let the winds of the heavens dance between us.

Let us love one another, but make not a bond of love:
Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of our souls.
We can fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.
We will give one another of our bread
But eat not from the same loaf.
We will sing and dance together and be joyous,
But let each one of us be alone,
Even as the strings of a lute are alone
Though they quiver with the same music.

We give our hearts to each other,
But not into each other's keeping.
For only the hand of Life can contain our hearts.
We stand together yet not too near together:
For the pillars of the temple stand apart,
And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's
shadow.

THE DECLARATIONS

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

The Way Old Friends Do, ABBA

You and I can share the silence
Finding comfort together
The way old friends do

And after fights and words of violence
We make up with each other
The way old friends do.


Times of joy and times of sorrow
We will always see it through
Oh, I don't care what comes tomorrow
We can face it together
The way old friends do.

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Closing Music

Comptine D'Un Autre Eté,
Yann Tiersen, Played by Artur

Maids of Honour

Ria, Yvonne, Astrid and Rianne

Witnesses

Ria and Astrid

AND AFTERWARDS

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