

**BRIDAL ENTRANCE**

Kathleen and Bobby

*Music - Calum's Road (Donald Shaw)*

Marianne and Jacques

*Music - Maestro (Hans Zimmer)*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Aileen Massie

## FIRST READING

'L'Amitié' by Judy Bielicki

*Read by Charlotte Din*

*Français*

On dit souvent que c'est l'amour qui fait tourner le monde.

Cependant, c'est sans aucun doute l'amitié qui maintient notre existence en équilibre.

La véritable amitié fournit plusieurs des éléments essentiels à une vie heureuse: elle est la base sur laquelle construire une relation pérenne, elle est le mortier qui nous lie en harmonie et elle est la protection calme et chaleureuse dont nous avons parfois besoin lorsque le monde extérieur semble froid et chaotique.

La véritable amitié reflète nos faiblesses et nos échecs, sans détruire notre amour-propre.

La véritable amitié nourrit nos espoirs, nous soutient dans nos déceptions et nous encourage à nous épanouir pleinement.

Kathleen et Marianne ont commencé leur relation en tant qu'amies.

Aujourd'hui, elles se promettent non seulement leur amour, mais aussi la force, la chaleur et, surtout, le plaisir de la véritable amitié.

'Friendship' by Judy Bielicki

*English Translation*

It is often said that it is love that makes the world go round.

However, without doubt, it is friendship which keeps our spinning  
existence on an even keel.

True friendship provides so many of the essentials for a happy life -  
It is the foundation on which to build an enduring relationship,  
it is the mortar which bonds us together in harmony,  
and it is the calm, warm protection  
we sometimes need when the world outside seems cold and chaotic.

True friendship holds a mirror to our foibles and failings,  
without destroying our sense of worthiness.  
True friendship nurtures our hopes, supports us in our disappointments,  
and encourages us to grow to our best potential.

Kathleen and Marianne came together as friends.

Today, they pledge to each other not only their love,  
but also the strength, warmth and, most importantly,  
the fun of true friendship.

## THOUGHTS ON MARRIAGE

'The Art of Marriage' by Wilfred Arlan Petersen

*Read by Aileen Massie*

A good marriage must be created.

In the marriage, the little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once each day.

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.

It is standing together and facing the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.

It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.

It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is not only marrying the right person.

It is being the right partner.

## THE MARRIAGE

Vows

## HAND FASTING

Gaelic Blessing

*Read by Eileen MacDonald*

*Gàidhlig*

Le ceangal nach eil furasta a bhriseadh  
Gabh an ùine airson ceangail comhla  
Mus tèid na bòidean deireannah a dhèanamh  
Gus ionnsachadh dè dh'fheumas tu a bhith eòlach,  
Gus fàs ann an gliocas agus ann an gràdh.  
Gum bi do phòsadh làidir,  
Gu mairidh do ghaol  
Anns a' bheatha seo agus gu brath.

*English Translation*

With a tie not easy to break  
Take the time of binding  
Before the final vows are made  
To learn what you need to know,  
To grow in wisdom and love.  
That your marriage will be strong,  
That your love will last  
In this life and beyond.

## SECOND READING

'The Beauty of Union' by George the Poet

*Read by Mike Katsoulis*

There's an indescribable beauty in union  
In two beings forming one new being  
Entering each other's world  
Surrendering each other's selves  
Accepting the invitation to be everything to someone else  
There's an unparalleled bravery in union  
In telling the one you love:  
"The only way that we can truly win  
Is if I think of you in everything I do  
And honour every decision you faithfully include me in."  
Love gives union true meaning  
It illuminates the path  
It wants us to compromise, communicate and laugh  
It wants us to elevate, appreciate without pride  
Love is oblivious to the outside  
By the two people at the heart of it  
Two individuals when they started it  
Becoming two halves of one partnership  
Such is the beauty of union  
Such is the beauty of union

## EXCHANGING OF THE RINGS

### THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

Witnessed by Alice Emler & Karina Murray

*Music 'Bonobos' by Kinnaris Quintet*

### THIRD READING

What is a Soulmate' by Emily Matthews

*Read by Aliza Rana*

If you have found a smile that is the sweetest one you've known.

If you have heard, within a voice, the echoes of your own.

If you have felt a touch that stirs the longing of your heart,

And still can feel that closeness in the moment you're apart.

If you are filled with wonder at the way two lives can blend,

To weave a perfect pattern that is seamless end to end.

If you believe some things in life are simply meant to be,

Then you have found your soulmate, your hearts own destiny.

If you can always be as close and happy as today,

Yet be secure enough to grow and change along the way.

If you can keep for you alone your love for all your life,

Yet find the time to share your joy with others in your life.

If you can be as one and walk through marriage hand in hand,

Yet still support the goals and dreams that each of you have planned.

If you can dare to always go your separate ways together,

Then all the wonders of today will stay with you forever.

**THE EXIT OF THE MARRIED COUPLE**

*Music 'Toria's 50th' by Kinnaris Quintet*

**CELEBRANT**

*Aileen Massie*

**WEDDING PARTY**

**KATHLEEN'S BRIDAL PARTY**

*Karina Murray (Maid of Honour)*

*Emma Cooper Jenkins*

*Chris Stothart*

**MARIANNE'S BRIDAL PARTY**

*Alice Emler (Maid of Honour)*

*Charlotte Din*

*Elisa Lindemann*

**USHERS**

*Mathieu Emler*

*John Wilson*