

Order Of Service
Welcome To The Wedding Of

Mary Elizabeth

Rushforth

&

Andrew Scott

Boyd

St John's Church Upperthong
Saturday 29th June 2024
2.30pm

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

Canon in D, Pachelbel

THE WELCOME

The Reverend Keith Griffin

HYMN – Come to a Wedding

Come to a wedding,
Come to a blessing,
Come on a day when happiness sings!
Come rain or sun,
Come winter or summer,
Celebrate love and all that it brings.

Thanks for the love,
That holds us together,
Parent and child, and lover and friend;
Thanks to the God,
Whose love is our centre,
Source of compassion, knowing no end.

Love is the gift,
And love is the giver,
Love is the gold that
Makes the day shine;
Love forgets self to care for the other,
Love changes life from water to wine.

Come to this wedding,
Asking a blessing,
For all the years that living will prove;
Health of the body,
Health of the spirit,
Now to you both we offer our love.

Tune: Bunessan

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

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THE DECLARATIONS

During which the priest says to the congregation:

Will you, the families and friends of Mary and Andy,
support and uphold them in their marriage
now and in the years to come?

The congregation respond:

We will.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes Chapter 4, verses 9-12,

Read by Carol-Ann Thain

THE ADDRESS

THE VOWS

THE GIVING OF THE RINGS

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

THE PRAYERS

The response to
Lord of life and love is *Hear our prayer*

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
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.

Chorus:

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.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

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THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

All Of Me by John Legend

SECOND READING

Chapter One of One Thousand

by OJ Preston

Read by Carol-Ann Thain

For two people this dawn brought on a magical day
Now husband and wife they head on their way
As a boat setting sail may their journey begin
With calmest of waters, most helpful of wind
And if they should stumble upon turbulent sea
May it pass them unharmed – leave them be.

For here are two people whom love has well bitten
Here opens their book which has yet to be written
As the first page unfolds and their life inks its path
May it write a true story where forever love lasts
Let their journey be happy till death do they part
Of one thousand chapters may this be the start.

THE BLESSING

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Bagpipes played by Michael Thain



Thank you to everyone for joining us on this wonderful day and being part of the celebration of our marriage.

At the end of the wedding service there will be taxis waiting outside the church to transport you up to The Village Hall.

Mary & Andy