

THE DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION

READINGS

An Extract from *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* by Louis de Bernières
Ms Victoria Hepworth

An Extract from *Ephesians* 3.14-19:
Cdre Thomas Knowles ADC RN

ADDRESS

The Reverend Paddy Allen

HYMN

'Lord of all Hopefulness', Jan Struther

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

PROMISES

At the conclusion all say:

***We have witnessed the promises of Tom and Ross.
As they are pledged to each other in love,
so we promise, in hope,
to be a living sign of love in the world.***

The President says to Ross and Tom:

Ross and Tom, now that you have made these promises
before God and before those gathered here,
I declare that you are joined in marriage.
The peace of the Lord be with you.

THE REGISTRATION

The registration takes place in the sight of the congregation.

THE PRAYERS

Concluding with:

***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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

BLESSING OF TOM AND ROSS

HYMN

'Jerusalem', Sir Hubert Parry

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

God of all the world,
as you have called together Tom and Ross,
so we have come together in your love.

As in your presence,
Ross and Tom have promised to love each other,
so we have promised to support them.

As Tom and Ross have declared their love for each other,
may they declare your love for all the world.

As you have blessed
Tom and Ross in their marriage,
bless us now in our lives.
Make us, like them,
a blessing to one another and to you.

***Christ go before us to guide our steps
Christ be within us to kindle our vision
Christ shine from us to give joy to the world***

CONGREGATION DEPART CHURCH FOR SWORD ARCH
Master of Ceremonies: Lt Jack McGillivray RN

A Word from Tom & Ross

We are so grateful to everyone who has been able to join us for our special day in beautiful Highland Perthshire. It means the world to us to have all our favourite people in one place to celebrate our marriage and future together.

We'd like to extend a special thanks to those who have travelled great distances to share in our day. We're also incredibly grateful to our families and close friends who have helped us enormously in preparing - who knew weddings could be so complicated?!

We hope you all have a brilliant day celebrating with us.

All our love,

Ross, Tom & Jet (the cocker spaniel)