

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

HYMN

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 PREFACE

THE DECLARATIONS

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

All: We will.

THE COLLECT

THE MARRIAGE

The Vows

The Giving of the Rings

The Proclamation of the Marriage

The Blessing of the Marriage

READING - EPHESIANS 5:22-33

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

Each time the rev says the bidding “Lord of Life and Love”, the congregation is invited to respond with the words
“Hear our prayer”.

THE LORDS PRAYER

All: 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