



YOU ARE WARMLY WELCOMED  
TO THE MARRIAGE OF

Ben Alford

AND

Laura Douglas

SATURDAY THE THIRTY FIRST OF AUGUST | 2024

CEREMONY - 2.00pm

ST. MARY'S CHURCH | HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY  
REVEREND MATTHEW RENYARD

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE**

speechless: James Tw

### **THE WELCOME**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy spirit be with you

**All: And also with you**

### **HYMN: ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL**

**Refrain:**

**All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings:**

**Refrain**

**The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky:**

**Refrain**

**The cold wind in the winter  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one:**

**Refrain**

**The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water  
We gather every day:**

**Refrain**

**He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God almighty,  
Who has made all things well:**

**Preface and Declarations:**

After Ben and Laura declare their intent to marry the minister says  
to the congregation;

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

**All: We will.**

**The Marriage**

The Vows

The giving of rings

The Proclamation

The Blessing of the marriage

**Hymn: Give me joy in my heart**

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray,  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Keep me praising till the break of day.**

**Refrain:**

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King.**

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray,  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
Keep me resting till the break of day.**

**Refrain**

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
Give me love in my heart, I pray;  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
Keep me serving till the break of day.**

**Refrain**

**READING** Corinthians 13:1

Read by Nikki Douglas

**Address: Reverend Matthew Renyard**

**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**

**Prayers:**

**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**

**THE BLESSING**

**THE SIGNING OF  
THE MARRIAGE DOCUMENT**

**THE DEPARTURE OF THE  
BRIDE AND GROOM**

Best day of my life: Brent Morgan

**Ben and Laura would like to say a special thank you to  
the following for making our day so special**

**MAID OF HONOUR**

Nikki Douglas

**BEST MAN**

Andrew Hyndman

**BRIDESMAIDS**

Abbie Douglas

Lola Corley

Amber Bailey

Jerilee Corley

Ashleigh Brady

**USHERS**

Jack Corley

Mason Bailey

**WITNESSES**

Gary Douglas

Kathleen Alford

And a final thank you for our family and friends for joining  
us on our special day