

*Order of Service*  
*for the wedding ceremony of*



REBECCA EDWARDS  
*and*  
SEBASTIAN ACHTERFELDT

*08.07.2024*

*St Alkmund's Church, Whitechurch*  
*Conducted by Revd Christopher Precious*

*Thank you so much for being here.*

## **THE WELCOME**

The Reverend Christopher Precious

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 - "Come to a wedding"**

**Words: Shirley Erena Murray to the Tune of "Morning has broken"**

Come to a wedding,  
Come to a blessing,  
Come on a day when happiness signs!  
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.

## **THE PREFACE**

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

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

**All: We will.**

## **THE COLLECT**

### ***READING***

#### **1 John Chapter 4 Verses 7-12**

Victoria Watton

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

## **SERMON**

Reverend Christopher Precious

## **READING**

**Poem: The One, Author unknown.**

Alexander Edwards

When the one whose hand you're holding  
Is the one one who holds your heart  
When the one whose eyes you gaze into  
Gives your hopes and dreams their start,  
When the one you think of first and last  
Is the one who holds you tight,  
And the things you plan together  
Make the whole world seem just right,  
When the one whom you believe in  
Puts their faith and trust in you,  
You've found the one and only love  
You'll share your whole life through.

## **THE MARRIAGE**

### **LIGHTING OF THE UNITY CANDLE**

### **THE SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE DOCUMENT**

Salut D'amour - E Elgar

## **PRAYERS**

Each prayer will end with: Lord of life and love

**All Respond: hear our prayer**

### **THE LORDS PRAYER**

**All: 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 for ever.**

**Amen.**

**HYMN - "Love is His word, Love is His way" – Luke Connaughton**

Love is His word, love is His way,  
feasting with men, fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is His way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is His way, love is His mark,  
sharing His last Passover feast,  
Christ at His table, Host to the Twelve,  
love, only love, is His mark.

Love is His mark, love is His sign,  
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
'This is My body, this is My blood,'  
love, only love, is His sign.

Love is His sign, love is His news,  
'Do this, 'He said, 'lest you forget  
all My deep sorrow, all My dear blood,'  
love, only love, is His news.

Love is His news, love is His name,  
we are His own, chosen and called,  
family, brethren, cousins and kin.  
Love, only love, is His name.

Love is His name, love is His law.  
Hear His command, all who are His:  
'Love one another, I have loved you.'  
Love, only love, is His law.

Love is His law, love is His word:  
love of the Lord, Father and Word,  
love of the Spirit, God ever One,  
love, only love, is His word.

## THE DISMISSAL

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of god almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen**

## THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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They would also like to thank all of their friends and family who travelled a great many miles to celebrate with them today.

MAID OF HONOUR - *Grace Griffiths*

BEST MAN - *Benedikt Orta*

BRIDESMAIDS - *Cheryl Pidgley, Felicity Lewin, Victoria Watton*

USHER - *Alexander Edwards*

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before making your way to  
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