

SCRIPTURE READING

Read by Nathan Mulcock

Song of Solomon, Chapter 2: Verses 10 - 13

My beloved answered, he said to me:

Rise up, my darling; my fairest, come away.

For now the winter is past, the rains are over and gone;
the flowers appear in the countryside; the time is coming when
the birds will sing, and the turtle-dove's cooing will be heard in
our land;

when the green figs will ripen on the fig trees and the vines give
forth their fragrance.

Rise up, my darling; my fairest, come away.

1 Corinthians, Chapter 13: Verses 1 - 7

I may speak in tongues of men or of angels, but if I am without
love, I am a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

I may have the gift or prophecy, and know every hidden truth; I
may have faith strong enough to move mountains; but if I have
no love, I am nothing.

I may dole out all I possess, or even give my body to be burnt,
but if I have no love, I am none the better.

Love is patient; love is kind and envies no-one. Love is never
boastful, nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to
take offence.

Love keeps no score of wrongs; does not gloat over other men's
sins, but delights in the truth.

There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith,
its hope, and its endurance.

ADDRESS

HYMN

Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!

READING

From The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Read by Victoria Porter

"Come and play with me," proposed the little prince. "I am unhappy."

"I cannot play with you," the fox said. "I am not tamed."

"What does that mean, tame?"

"It is an act too often neglected," said the fox. "It means to establish ties.

To me you are still nothing more than a little boy who is just like a hundred thousand other little boys, and I have no need of you. And you on your part, have no need of me. To you I am nothing more than a fox like a hundred thousand other foxes. But if you tame me then we shall need each other. To me you will be unique in all the world. To you, I shall be unique in all the world."

"If you tame me, it will be as if the sun came to shine on my life. I shall know the sound of a step that will be different from all the others. Other steps send me hurrying back underneath the ground. Yours will call me, like music, out of my burrow. Think how wonderful that will be when you have tamed me. One only understands the things that one tames. If you want a friend, tame me."

DECLARATION OF NO IMPEDIMENT TO MARRIAGE

PRAYER

VOWS

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

PRAYER

BLESSING OF THE COUPLE

DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

BLESSING

HYMN

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 bliss 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.