

ORDER OF SERVICE
for the wedding ceremony of

CLARA ALICE
SONGAILA
& BEN CHARLES
DRIVER

Saturday 21st September 2024
AT 1PM IN THE AFTERNOON

WYNYARD HALL CHAPEL
Stockton-on-tees, Billingham

OFFICIANT
The Reverend Daniel Ackerley

To our dear family and friends,

We are so delighted that you are here today, sharing this most special moment with us; a day which we shall always look back on and cherish.

We truly appreciate the multitude of sacrifices many of you have made to make it. Whether you have taken time off work; travelled by car, train or airplane or have arranged childcare we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support, kindness and love.

There are so many people we would like to mention by name, there is simply not enough room! But we would like to give a special thank you to those who have helped make this day special, both seen and unseen, heard and unheard. Most of all, we thank each of you for the special place you hold in our hearts.

We can't let this moment pass without mentioning our beloved family and close friends who would have loved to be here but have gone on before us. We believe with all our hearts that they share in this moment, celebrating with us in the Clissold amongst the stars. A candle burns brightly on the [Lady Chapel Altar] in the memory.

We hope that you enjoy the service as much as we do - our only request is that you give it some oomph when you sing!

With all our love and good wishes,

Clara & Ben

ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE
Here Comes the Bride by Richard Wagner

THE WELCOME
The Reverend Daniel Ackerley

HYMN
Lift up your hearts

'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;
here at thy feet none other may we see:
'lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,
we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.

Above the level of the former years,
the mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
the mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,
O Lord of light, lift all our hearts to-day.

Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,
the deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,
the halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,
O Lord of truth, lift every Christian soul.

Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given:
low lies the best till lifted up to heaven;
low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
till, sent from God, they mount to God again.

Then, as the trumpet-call in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,
still shall those hearts respond with full accord,
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'

THE PREFACE

THE DECLARATIONS

THE COLLECT

READING

1 Corinthians: 13

Read by Tom Harman

HYMN

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is near.
Come bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on Holy ground.

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is near.

Be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is near.

Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.

Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place.

THE VOWS

THE EXCHANGE OF RINGS

THE PROCLAMATION

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE DOCUMENT

Canon in D by Pachelbel

SECOND READING

Wedding Poem by Whitney Hanson

Read by Amy Bliss

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.

*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:

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:

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:

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.

THE BLESSING

PROCESSION OF THE BRIDE & GROOM

The Wedding March by Mendelssohn

WEDDING BREAKFAST

Please join us in the Statue Gallery for drinks, dinner and dancing after the ceremony and confetti toss.

PIANIST & ORGANIST

Jeremy McMurray

FLOWERS

Vine & Stem

WEDDING CAKE

Catherine Marsh

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Stephen and Maxine David and Elaine
Songaila Driver

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Lucy Driver
Edward Songaila

MAID OF HONOUR BEST MAN
Ulrika Romeling Payne George Crow

BRIDESMAIDS GROOMSMEN
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Alice Death Tom Harman