THE ADDRESS

Minister:

I ask you the families and friends of Ian and Carolyn: Will you do all in your power to support and encourage them in their marriage?

Response: We will.

THE DECLARATIONS

READING

1 Corinthians 13: 1-10, read by Jean Whitton (Video) The Way of Love.

THE MARRIAGE

The Vows
The Giving of the Rings
The Proclamation of the Marriage
The Blessing of the Marriage

PRAYERS

God of grace, source of all love, we pray for lan and Carolyn that they may live together in love and faithfulness to the end of their lives. Lord of life;

Response: hear us in your love.

Enrich their friendship, that each may be for the other a companion in joy and a comforter in sorrow.

Lord of life, hear us in your love.

Help Carolyn and Ian to be patient, gentle and forgiving, that their marriage may reflect Christ's love for all people.

Lord of life,

Response: hear us in your love.

Enable them to make their home a place of welcome and friendship, that their life together may be a source of strength to others.

Lord of life,

Response: hear us in your love.

May we, who have witnessed these vows today, be signs of your love in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

THE LORDS PRAYER

As our Saviour taught his disciples, we pray:

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

Minister

Praise God, Who is the source of joy and celebration,
Pleasure and delight, love and friendship.
Praise God, Who, in the life and victory of Jesus Christ,
Reveals to us the glory of self-giving love.
Praise God, Who sends the Holy Spirit to be our helper
And to guide us into the way of perfect love.

Response:

Praise God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

HYMN - Ode to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began;