

**(All lettering in Bold is spoken aloud by the congregation)**

1. Greeting

Grace and peace to you from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**all -Amen**

2. Introduction

We have come together in the presence of God for the marriage of Hannah,  
and Phil, to share their joy and to promise them our support and our love.

Marriage is a gift of God and a sign of God's grace. In the life-long union of  
marriage, we can know the love of God, who made us in the divine image,  
man and woman.

Marriage finds its origin in God's own being. God is Love, and so wife and  
husband, giving themselves to one another in love throughout their lives,  
reflect the very being of God.

Marriage cannot exist on its own. God's call of husband and wife to live  
faithfully together, to love one another with respect, tenderness and delight,  
is part of the call to love all people. This love empowers them to care for  
others [and to nurture children]. By this love human dignity will flourish and  
deepen.

This is the life that Hannah and Phil are about to begin, and in which we will  
support and strengthen them. We pray that God's presence may surround and  
enfold them, today and in the years to come.

Gracious God,  
in Christ you reveal your love, your power and your joy.

May that love draw us closer to you,  
that power strengthen us in service,  
and that joy pervade our whole being.

Through Christ our Lord.

**all -Amen**

### 3 . Declarations of Intention

The president addresses one of the persons to be married

Hannah do you give yourself to Phil in marriage?

I do.

Will you love him, respect him, and be for ever faithful to him?

I will.

The president addresses the other

Phil, do you give yourself to Hannah in marriage?

I do.

Will you love her, respect her, and be for ever faithful to her?

I will.

The president addresses the families

**Will you, the families of Hannah and Phil uphold and care for them in their life together?**

**Families - We will.**

The president addresses the congregation

**Will all of you support and encourage Hannah and Phil in their marriage?**

**All - We will.**

## 4 The Liturgy of the Word

### READING

*A reading from Ruth 1.16-18 by Heather Strachan*

O God, whom to follow  
is to risk our whole lives:  
as Ruth and Naomi  
loved and held to one another,  
abandoning the ways of the past,  
so may Hannah and Phil not be divided,  
but travel together  
into that strange land where you will lead us  
through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **Hymn - Morning has Broken**

- 1. 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!**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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!**

## 5. The Promises

Hannah. and Phil. face each other.  
One of them takes the other's right hand and says

-- Before God and our friends,  
I, Hannah give myself to you, Phil,  
in loving and lifelong marriage.  
I promise to be with you,  
in sorrow and in joy,  
in need and in plenty,  
in frailty and in strength.  
God keep me  
always true to this promise.

They loose hands. The other takes the first's right hand and says

-- Before God and our friends,  
I, Phil, give myself to you, Hannah,  
in loving and lifelong marriage.  
I promise to be with you,  
in sorrow and in joy,  
in need and in plenty,  
in frailty and in strength.  
God keep me  
always true to this promise.

## 6. The Giving and Receiving of Rings

Hannah and Phil face each other.

One of them places a ring on the other's finger, saying

-- Phil, I give you this ring as I give you myself, all that I have,  
and all that I am.

The other places a ring on the first's finger, saying

-- Hannah I give you this ring as I give you myself, all that I have,  
and all that I am.

## 7. The Proclamation

As Hannah and Phil continue to face each other, joining hands, the  
congregation says

**all - We have witnessed the promises of Hannah and Phil  
As they are pledged to each other in love,  
so we promise, in hope,  
to be a living sign of love in the world.**

The president says to Hannah and Phil

Hannah and Phil, now that you have made these promises  
before God and before those gathered here,  
I declare that you are joined in marriage.  
The peace of the Lord be with you.

## 8. THE PEACE

The president says to the congregation:

We meet in Christ's name.

The congregation responds:

**all - Let us share his peace.**

### **Hymn - Be still For the Presence of the Lord**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the holy One, is here;  
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 here.**

**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 glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.**

**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.**

## 9. THE REGISTRATION

The Registration takes place, in the sight of the congregation,

### **Hymn - We Pledge to One Another**

**We pledge to one another,  
before the Lord above,  
entire and whole and perfect,  
this union of our love —  
a love that will be patient,  
a love that will be wise,  
that will not twist with envy,  
nor lose itself in lies;  
a love that will not falter,  
a love to hold us fast,  
and bind us to each other  
as long as life shall last.**

**We pray that God will guide us  
through all the years to be,  
our lives be shaped by courage,  
hope and serenity.  
Through joy and celebration,  
through loneliness and pain,  
may loyalty, compassion  
and tenderness remain,  
that those who share the blessing  
of love that cannot cease  
may walk the paths of gentleness  
into the place of peac**

## 10. The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing

Give thanks to our gracious God:  
**all- whose mercy endures for ever.**

God, holy and constant,  
the First, the Last, the Living One:  
**all- To you we give worship and praise.**

In your love you formed Hannah and Phil,  
a gracious gift to their families:  
**all- we offer them now to your care.**

In the journey that is each of our lives,  
you have brought us all to this point:  
**all -we offer them now to your care.**

In the love they have declared to one another  
you show us what it means to trust:  
**all -we offer them now to your care.**

Lord of the ages, we bless you,  
for you formed us human beings:  
**all- Lord of the ages, we bless you.**

Lord of the ages, we bless you,  
for you cause us to rejoice in one another  
**all -Lord of the ages, we bless you.**

Lord of the ages, we bless you,  
For you give joy to bridegroom and to bride:  
**all - Lord of the ages, we bless you.**