

Music to play as the wedding party enters

THE WELCOME

Rev'd Augustine Tanner-Ihm

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you
and also with you.

God is love, and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

1 John 4.16

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HYMN

For the beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the Earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

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THE PREFACE

Brothers and sisters, we meet here in the presence of God to celebrate and affirm the commitment of Nathan and Simon to each other. May they, through the assistance of the Holy Spirit, live together in love, faithfulness, trust and forgiveness. While they make this solemn covenant we remember that our Saviour Jesus Christ shows us the path of courage and selfless love and we ask for God's favour on their lives. We join in rejoicing with them and offer them support with our love and prayers. Let us hold them in our hearts as we commit their lives to the love and grace of God.

The minister states the affirmation:

We affirm your desire to live as followers of Christ, and that you have come to him, the fountain of grace. Strengthened by the prayers of your family and friends, may you be enabled to fulfil your love together in faithfulness and joy.

Let us keep silence and remember God's presence with us now.

*(The minister invites the people to pray, silence is kept,
and all say the Collect)*

THE COLLECT

All: Holy Spirit of God,
you know our strength
and have compassion on our frailty.
Be with Nathan and Simon
in all they undertake.
And grant that we their friends,
with all who become their friends,
may love and support them in the years ahead;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE DEDICATION

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PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF MEMORY

Loving God, you are merciful and forgiving. Grant that those who are suffering the hurts of the past may experience your generous love. Heal their memories, comfort them, and send them all from here renewed and hopeful; in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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DECLARATION OF INTENT

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THE VOWS

THE EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Simon and Nathan say together:

Heavenly Father,
we offer you our love for one another.
Unite our wills in your will,
that we may grow together
in love and peace
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The rings are exchanged

The minister concludes by saying:

Almighty God give you grace to persevere,
completing in you
the work that has already begun,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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DECLARATION

It is a joy, and honour, and delight to now pronounce you a married couple.

READING

Luke 4:14-20 NLT - Read by Ian Cook

Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,
that the blind will see,
that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's
favour has come.”

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down.
All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently.

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ADDRESS

Major Kathryn Betteridge

HYMN

The Kingdom Is Yours

Adapted from The Beatitudes spoken by Jesus in Matthew 5

Blessed are the ones who do not bury
All the broken pieces of their heart
Blessed are the tears of all the weary
Pouring like a sky of falling stars
Blessed are the wounded ones in mourning
Brave enough to show the Lord their scars
Blessed are the hurts that are not hidden
Open to the healing touch of God

Refrain:

The Kingdom is yours, the Kingdom is yours
Hold on a little more, this is not the end
Hope is in the Lord, keep your eyes on Him

And blessed are the ones who walk in kindness
Even in the face of great abuse
Blessed are the deeds that go unnoticed
Serving with unguarded gratitude
And blessed are the ones who fight for justice
Longing for the coming day of peace
Blessed is the soul that thirsts for righteousness
Welcoming the last, the lost, the least [Refrain]

Blessed are the ones who suffer violence
And still have strength to love their enemies
Blessed is the faith of those who persevere
Though they fall, they'll never know defeat [Refrain]

THE PRAYERS

From friends and family

Barbara Joy

Sharon Burrows

Lizzy Brothwood

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done.
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and 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 forever.

Amen.

THE SIGNING OF THE BOOK

The band will sing as the church book is signed

Little things with great love - The Porter's Gate
How sweet it is to be loved by you - James Taylor

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art
High King of heaven, my victory won

May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all
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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.

Music to play as the wedding party and congregation leaves