

ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDAL PARTY

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THE WELCOME

The Revd Geoff Withers

MEMORIAL CANDLES

In remembrance of those whom we love and whose memory we treasure this day: We light these five candles in honour of our Loved Ones no longer physically present with us: One for our Grief, one for our Courage, one for our Memories, one for our Love, and one for our Hope.

First Candle:

The First Candle represents our Grief. The pain of losing you is as intense as our love for you.

Second Candle:

The second candle represents the courage to confront our sorrow, to comfort each other, and to forever live our lives with gratitude for your time with us.

Third Candle:

The third candle we light in your memory; the times we laughed, the times we cried, the funny things you did and the inspiration, caring and joy you gave us.

Fourth Candle:

The fourth candle we light for our love. As we gather and share this wedding day with one another, we light this candle that the love you had for us may always brighten our days.

Fifth Candle:

The fifth candle we light for Hope; that you, will live on through us, never to be erased from our memory and that we will be together again. We love you, we remember you and we miss you.

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)

**God of wonder and of joy:
grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
Without you, we cannot please you;
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
that we may worship you now
with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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!*

The Preface

The Declarations

The minister addresses the congregation

Will you, the families and friends of Sophie and Hugh, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

We will.

The Collect

God our Father,

from the beginning

you have blessed creation with abundant life.

Pour out your blessings upon Sophie and Hugh,

that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship, in holiness and commitment to each other.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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A Reading from Interstellar Read by Lucy Mongan

Listen to me when I say that love isn't something we invented, it's observable and powerful, it has to mean something... maybe it means something more, something we can't yet understand. Maybe it's some evidence, some artefact of a higher dimension that we can't consciously perceive. Love is the one thing we're capable of perceiving that transcends dimensions of time and space.

A Bible Reading from The Song of Solomon
Read by Malcolm Bell

My beloved speaks and says to me:

'Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.'

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

THE MARRIAGE

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The Vows

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The Giving of Rings

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The Proclamation

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The Blessing of the Marriage

Prayers

The prayers conclude with **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.**

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Registration of the Marriage