

FIRST READING

Words from the Native American Marriage Ceremony

Read by Richard Hartigan

May the sun bring you new strength by day,
May the moon softly restore you by night,
And the breeze blow new strength into your being,
And then, all the days of your life together,
May you walk gently through the world and know it's beauty.

Now you will feel no rain,
For each of you will be shelter for the other,
Now you will feel no cold,
For each of you will be warmth to the other,
Now there is no more loneliness,
For each of you will be company for the other,
Now you are two persons,
But there is only one life before you.

Go now to your dwelling,
Enter into the days of your life together.
And may your days be good and long upon the earth.



THE DECLARATIONS

EXCHANGE OF MARRIAGE VOWS

EXCHANGE OF WEDDING RINGS

SECOND READING

A lovely love story by Edward Monkton

Read by Janice Turner

The fierce Dinosaur was trapped inside his cage of ice. Although it was cold he was happy in there. It was, after all, his cage.

Then along came the Lovely Other Dinosaur.

The Lovely Other Dinosaur melted the Dinosaur's cage with kind words and loving thoughts.

"I like this Dinosaur," thought the Lovely Other Dinosaur. "Although he is fierce, he is also tender, and he is funny. He is also quite clever though I will not tell him this for now."

"I like this Lovely Other Dinosaur," thought the Dinosaur. "She is beautiful, and she is different, and she smells so nice. She is also a free spirit which is a quality I much admire in a dinosaur."

"But he can be so distant and so peculiar at times," thought the Lovely Other Dinosaur. "He is also overly fond of things. Are all Dinosaurs so overly fond of things?"

"But her mind skips from here to there so quickly," thought the Dinosaur. "She is also uncommonly keen on shopping. Are all Lovely Other Dinosaurs so uncommonly keen on shopping?"

"I will forgive his peculiarity and his concern for things," thought the Lovely Other Dinosaur, "for they are part of what makes him a richly charactered individual."

“I will forgive her skipping mind and her fondness for shopping,”
thought the Dinosaur, “for she fills our life with beautiful thoughts
and wonderful surprises. Besides, I am not unkeen on shopping
either.”

Now the Dinosaur and the Lovely Other Dinosaur are old. Look at
them. Together they stand on the hill telling each other stories and
feeling the warmth of the sun on their backs.

And that, my friends, is how it is with love.

Let us all be Dinosaurs and Lovely Other Dinosaurs together. For
the sun is warm. And the world is a beautiful place.



THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF HUSBAND AND WIFE



THE SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE REGISTER

Piano played by Simon Locke

"Married Life", by Michael Giacchino, from "Up" (2009)

"Seasons of Love" by Jonathan Larson, from "Rent" (1996)

On Golden Pond (Main Theme) - Song by Dave Grusin (1981)

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Accompanied by our wedding singers

Song: Stand By Me (with Lean On Me)

Artists: Ben E. King, Bill Withers

Arranger: Kirby Shaw



WITH SPECIAL THANKS FOR OUR WEDDING SINGERS

A group of Cath's friends from her work in the NHS,
at Frimley Park hospital and East London.

Soprano:

Brid Roberts, Bronwen Hall, Carole Green, Marie-Claude Willis.

Alto:

Clare Coles, Jennifer Sistig, Lisa Jones-Woodward, Nicola Chandler.

Tenor:

Carlos Santos, Simon Locke.

Bass:

Andreas Sistig, Nick Lankester.

Led by Simon Locke, on piano.