

SEATING OF THE CONGREGATION

Organ music selection including music by Handel, Purcell and Clarke

THE ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE

THE WELCOME

Revd Dr Janneke Blokland

HYMN: LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

THE PREFACE

THE DECLARATIONS

The Minister says to the congregation:

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

All: We will.

THE COLLECT

FIRST READING

Sonnet 116 by William Shakespeare

Read by Dr Evelien Lemmens

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments; love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove.
O no, it is an ever-fixèd mark
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wand'ring bark
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
Love's not time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come.
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out even to the edge of doom:
If this be error and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

SECOND READING

Union by Robert Fulghum

Read by Francesca Oliver

The symbolic vows that you are about to make are a way of saying to one another, "You know all those things that we've promised, and hoped, and dreamed – well, I meant it all, every word."

Look at one another and remember this moment in time. Before this moment you have been many things to one another – acquaintance, friend, companion, lover, dancing partner, and even teacher, for you have learned much from one another in these last few years. Now you shall say a few words that take you across a threshold of life, and things will never quite be the same between you.

For after these vows, you shall say to the world –
This is my husband. This is my wife.

THE MARRIAGE

The Vows

The Giving of the Rings

The Proclamation of the Marriage

The Blessing of the Marriage

FINAL READING

Don't Hesitate by Mary Oliver

Read by Elizabeth Stafford

If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don't hesitate.
Give in to it. There are plenty of lives and whole towns
destroyed or about to be. We are not wise, and not very often kind.
And much can never be redeemed.
Still, life has some possibility left.
Perhaps this is its way of fighting back, that sometimes
something happens better than all the riches
or power in the world. It could be anything,
but very likely you notice it in the instant
when love begins. Anyway, that's often the case.
Anyway, whatever it is, don't be afraid of its plenty.
Joy is not made to be a crumb.

THE ADDRESS

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PRAYERS

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.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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.