

BRIDAL PROCESSION

Suite No. 3 in D - Air by Johann Sebastian Bach

THE WELCOME

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 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 - "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 peace.

PREFACE AND DECLARATIONS

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

ALL: We will



READING

1 Corinthians, Chapter 13 by Rachel Galliers

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see each other face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.



READING

***"Your walled garden"* by Lydia Rimmer**

Your marriage should have within it a secret and protected space, open to you alone. Imagine it to be a walled garden, entered by a door to which you only hold the key. Within this garden you will cease to be a mother, father, employee, homemaker or any other of the roles which you fulfil in daily life. Here you can be yourselves, two people who love each other. Here you can concentrate on one another's needs. So, take each other's hands and go forth to your garden. The time you spend together is not wasted but invested - invested in your future and nurture of your love.

ADDRESS

by Reverend John Holland

THE MARRIAGE



THE BLESSING

