

For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
(Stuart Townend & Keith Getty)

THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

PRAYER:

Eternal God, you are with us this day in the fullness of your love.
In the love of one for another we see your will for all creation.
In the tenderness of love's embrace we remember your love once
made flesh for us.

In the marriage of minds we know your Spirit between us
and among us.

Your love fills our hearts and draws us to one another
with holy desire.

Your love in us offers forgiveness and sets us free
to be together in peace.

Your love creates community and heals our deepest loneliness.

This love you renew continually in Janice and Dennis
and in all your people.

Make them today a sign to us of your love in all creation,
of your enduring affection and faithfulness,
and of your joy in all that you have made.

May we see this day, before our eyes, the joy of love
and the hope of faith.

Bless our celebration with your presence
and touch us with your Spirit.

In Christ's name we pray,
Amen

FIRST READING: 1 JOHN 4: 7-12

Dear Friends,

let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might love through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. Amen

THE DECLARATIONS

The minister says to the couple:
Before God and before this congregation,
I will ask you to declare your freedom and readiness
to enter into the covenant of marriage.

I will also ask your families and this congregation to affirm their
willingness to support you today and in the years to come

All: We will

LEGAL DECLARATIONS

I ask the congregation:
If you know of any reason in law why
Dennis John Allday and Janice Elizabeth Platel
may not be joined in marriage,
please declare it now.

PRAYER FOR ASSURANCE AND SINCERITY

THE PROMISES

THE VOWS

THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF RINGS

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MARRIAGE

GREETING

POEM: Getting married means ...

by Nicholas Gordon

Sophie to read

SERMON

Rev Mike Thomason

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

HYMN

O perfect love, O perfect sacrifice.

Fountain of life poured out for me.

What heights and depths of heaven's mercy,

The faithfulness that I believe.

And to whom shall I run?

And in whom shall I hide?

Only You hold the truth I desire.

O perfect love, my prayer shall ever be

To be found in Jesus.