

THE DECLARATIONS

*Will you, the family and friends of Mark and Karen, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?
We will*

READING

*A reading from Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6,7 by Preston
Simmons-Young*

THE ADDRESS

The Revd Samantha Stayte

THE MARRIAGE

Vows, Giving of Rings, Blessing of the Marriage

THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

HYMN - God in the planning

***God, in the planning and purpose of life,
halloved the union of husband and wife:
this we embody where love is displayed,
rings are presented and promises made.***

***Jesus was found, at a similar feast,
taking the roles of both waiter and priest,
turning the worldly towards the divine,
tears into laughter and water to wine.***

***Therefore we pray that his spirit preside
over the wedding of bridegroom and bride,
fulfilling all that they've hoped will come true,
lighting with love all they dream of and do.***

***Praise then the Maker, the Spirit, the Son,
source of the love through which two are made one.
God's is the glory, the goodness and grace
Seen in this marriage and known in this place.***

Prayers

*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 667 - Lord of the Dance

*1 I danced in the morning when the world was young,
I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

**CHORUS: Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

*2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen James and John –
They came with me and the dance went on.*

CHORUS

*3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame,
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a cross to die.*

CHORUS

*4 I danced on a Friday when the world turned black –
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.*

CHORUS

*5 They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me –
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.*

CHORUS x 2

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.