

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

Canon in D, Pachelbel

THE WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All: and also with you.

God is love, and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

**All: 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 - All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings:
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky:
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one:
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water
We gather every day:
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God almighty,
Who has made all things well:
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

THE DECLARATIONS

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

All: We will.

THE COLLECT

God our Father,

from the beginning you have blessed creation with abundant life. Pour out your blessings upon Vicky and Joshua, that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship, in holiness and commitment to each other.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

First Reading - 1 Corinthians 13

Second Reading - Blessing for a marriage by James Dillet Freeman

HYMN - Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in you:
Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy:

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.
Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

THE VOWS

THE GIVING OF RINGS

Heavenly Father, by your blessing
let these rings be to Joshua and Vicky
a symbol of unending love and faithfulness,
to remind them of the vow and covenant
which they have made this day
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
for you have created joy and gladness,
pleasure and delight, love, peace and fellowship.
Pour out the abundance of your blessing
upon Joshua and Vicky in their new life together.
Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts
and a crown upon their heads.

Bless them in their work and in their companionship;
awake and asleep,
in joy and in sorrow,
in life and in death.

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that banquet
where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home.
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE

PRAYERS

Faithful God,
holy and eternal,
source of life and spring of love,
we thank and praise you for bringing Joshua and Vicky to this day, and we pray
for them. Lord of life and love:

All: hear our prayer.

May their marriage be life-giving and life-long,
enriched by your presence and strengthened by your grace;
may they bring comfort and confidence to each other in faithfulness and trust.

Lord of life and love:

All: hear our prayer.

May the hospitality of their home
bring refreshment and joy to all around them;
may their love overflow to neighbours in need and embrace those in distress.

Lord of life and love:

All: hear our prayer.

May they discern in your word
order and purpose for their lives;
and may the power of your Holy Spirit
lead them in truth and defend them in adversity.
Lord of life and love:
All: hear our prayer.

May they nurture their family with devotion,
see their children grow in body, mind and spirit
and come at last to the end of their lives
with hearts content and in joyful anticipation of heaven.
We pray for their Son, Oliver, that he may grow in the abundance of their care
and love.
We pray for John and Julie, Jeanette and Frank.
We pray for Vicky's grandmother, Gwen Johnson, watching from home.
And we pray for those who cannot be with us today, in particular for Reg
Gratton.

Lord of life and love:
All: hear our prayer.

**All: 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 - Give Me Joy In My Heart

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day:

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!