

~The Christian understanding of Marriage~

~Declarations of Intent~

Will you, the Families and Friends of Rachel and Paul, support and uphold them in their marriage both now and in the years to come?

~All~ We will.

~Collect Prayer~

~A love poem between two lovers~

Read by Joan Murphy
Song of Solomon
Chapter 2, Verses 10-13

*My beloved speaks and says to me:
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away,
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom,
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.*

~Poem Reading~

~The Art of Marriage~

Read by Claire Sievewright

A good marriage must be created, in the marriage, the little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is having mutual sense of values and common objectives.

It is standing together and facing the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.

It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in a thoughtful way.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.

It is common search for the good and beautiful,

It is not marrying the right person,

It is being the right partner.

~Hymn~

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
Twas God that made them all.

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colors
And made their tiny wings

Refrain

The purple headed mountains
The rivers running by
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky

Refrain

The cold wind in the winter
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden
He made them every day

Refrain

The tall trees in the greenwood
The meadows where we play
The rushes by the water
We gather everyday

Refrain

*He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great God almighty
Who has made all things well*

Refrain

Cecil Alexander & Henry Monk

~The Marriage~

~The Vows~

~The Giving of the Rings~

~The Proclamation~

~The Blessing of the Marriage~

~Singing of the marriage Document~

~The Prayers~

Response: Lord Graciously Hear Us

A prayer as you begin your married life

Almighty God, bless Rachel and Paul whom you have now joined in marriage, Grant them the wisdom and devotion in their life together, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. And for all married couples here today, may they give thanks for the happiness they have known and may each day find them more devoted to each other than the last, Lord Hear Us, Lord Graciously Hear Us

A prayer for others

Lord, we are blessed today to be gathered together for a happy occasion. Let us give thanks for our own blessings, for the gifts of life and health, which we so often take for granted and pray for all those who are suffering due to illness, loneliness, injustice, or poverty at this time. Lord Hear Us, Lord Graciously Hear us

A prayer for lost ones

We remember the smiles and laughter of those who have gone before us, who would have loved to share in the joy and happiness of this day. We thank God for the happy memories they have left us with. May God unite us again. Lord Hear Us, Lord Graciously Hear Us

~The Lords 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~

*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 "til the end of day*

*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 resting
Give me peace in my heart, i pray
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
Keep me resting til the end of day*

Refrain

*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, til the end of day*

Refrain

*Give me light in my heart, keep me shining
Give me light in my heart, i pray
Give me light in my heart, keep me shining
Keep me shining til the end of day*

Refrain

~The Blessing~

~Procession of the Newly Weds~