

*Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous;  
love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not  
take offence, and is not resentful.  
Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is  
always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.*

*Love does not come to an end.*

*The word of the Lord.*

***Response: Thanks be to God.***

## *Responsorial Psalm*

*Read by Donna Cripps*

*The lord fills the earth with his love.*

*They are happy, whose God is the Lord,*

*The people he has chosen as his own.*

*The Lord looks on those who revere him.*

*On those who hope in his love.*

***Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love.***

*Our soul is waiting for the Lord.*

*The Lord is our help and our shield.*

*In him do our hearts find joy.*

*We trust in his holy name.*

***Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love.***

*May your love be upon us, O Lord.*

*As we place all of our hope in you.*

***Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love.***

## *Gospel*

*John 15:9-12, read by Deacon Brent*

*John said to his disciples:*

*“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have  
kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.  
I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and that your joy  
may be complete.  
This is my commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.”*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

***Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## *The Homily*

*The Questions Before the Consent*

*The Civil Declaration of Freedom*

*The Consent*

*The Reception of Consent*

## *Blessing of the Hands*

*Charlie and Sophie, these are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever.*

*These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future.*

*These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no other.*

*These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind.*

*These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes; tears of sorrow, and tears of joy.*

*These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children.*

*These are the hands that will help you to hold your family as one.*

*These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it.*

*And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged, will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.*

# *The Blessing & Giving of the Rings*

## *Hymn*

*Watch the Sunrise (Hymn 956 in the Hymn Book)*

## *Bidding Prayers*

*Read by Katie & Sienna Towler*

*We pray for Sophie and Charlie as they begin their married life together.  
May their love grow from strength to strength.*

*Lord hear us.*

***Response: Lord graciously hear us.***

*We pray for the family and friends of Sophie and Charlie gathered here  
today, that they are blessed with health, happiness and peace.*

*Lord hear us.*

***Response: Lord graciously hear us.***

*We pray for the family and friends of Sophie and Charlie who are unable  
to be here with us today. We acknowledge their presence in spirit and  
remember them with love.*

*Lord hear us.*

***Response: Lord graciously hear us.***