

Finish then, Thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley; William Penfro Rowlands

### FIRST READING

Song of Solomon 8:6-7, read by Laura Flower

Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm;  
for love is strong as death,  
passion fierce as the grave.  
Its flashes are flashes of fire,  
a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can floods drown it.  
If one offered for love  
all the wealth of one's house,  
it would be utterly scorned.

### ANTHEM

*Sing Joyfully* William Byrd

## SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-18, read by Alice Harray

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

## ANTHEM

*Jubilate Deo* William Walton

## THE VOWS AND SOLEMNISATION OF THE MARRIAGE

### THE SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

During which the following, composed for the occasion, will be sung

*Blessed Are They* William Harmer

As the wedding party move back to the nave, we ask those taking part in the Congregational Anthem to move to the Seven Sorrows Chapel to stand with the choir during the prayers.

THE PRAYERS

Led by Canon Michael Branch and Henry Metcalfe

Lord in your mercy

**R: Hear our prayer**

Faithful God,

Holy and eternal,

Source of life and spring of love,

We thank and praise you for bringing Alex and Ellen to this day,

And we pray for them.

**R**

God of love,

We thank you for the gift of marriage and for the joy it brings.

Bless us as we share in this wedding.

We thank you for the love which has brought Alex and Ellen to each other  
and for their desire to share that love for the rest of their lives.

**R**

Faithful God, giver of all good things, give Alex and Ellen wisdom and devotion  
in the ordering of their life together.

May they dwell together in love and peace all the days of their life, seeking one  
another's welfare, bearing one another's burdens, and sharing one another's joys.

**R**

God of all grace, friend and companion, look in favour on Alex and Ellen, and  
all who are made one in marriage. In your love deepen their love and strengthen  
their wills to keep the promises they have made, that they may continue in  
life-long faithfulness to each other.

**R**

Gracious Lord, bless the parents and families of Alex and Ellen that they may grow in love and friendship. Grant that, as they have witnessed these vows today, that they may find their lives enriched and strengthened and their loyalties confirmed;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM

The choir will be joined by some of the congregation for  
*Let All The World In Every Corner Sing* Ralph Vaughan Williams

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.**