



Welcome
to the wedding of

karina

and
terry

4.30pm | 11..12.2024

st catherine & st pauls church,
hoddesdon

Service Conducted by
rev'd mark escott

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

Canon in D, Pachelbel

THE WELCOME

The Revd Mark Escott

HYMN

we pledge to one another

We pledge to one another,
before the Lord above,
entire and whole and perfect,
this union of our love —
a love that will be patient,
a love that will be wise,
that will not twist with envy,
nor lose itself in lies;
a love that will not falter,
a love to hold us fast,
and bind us to each other
as long as life shall last.

We pray that God will guide us
through all the years to be,
our lives be shaped by courage,
hope and serenity.

Through joy and celebration,
through loneliness and pain,
may loyalty, compassion
and tenderness remain,
that those who share the blessing
of love that cannot cease
may walk the paths of gentleness
into the place of peace.

Reading: Psalm 143:8-10

Cause me to hear Your loving kindness in the morning,
For in You do I trust;
Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,
For I lift up my soul to You.
Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
In You I take shelter.
Teach me to do Your will,
For You are my God;
Your Spirit is good.
Lead me in the land of uprightness.

The Preface

In the presence of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we have come together to witness the marriage of Terry and Karina, to pray for God's blessing on them, to share their joy and to celebrate their love. Marriage is a gift of God in creation through which husband and wife may know the grace of God. It is given that as man and woman grow together in love and trust, they shall be united with one another in heart, body and mind, as Christ is united with his bride, the Church. The gift of marriage brings husband and wife together in the delight and tenderness of sexual union and joyful commitment to the end of their lives. It is given as the foundation of family life in which children are [born and] nurtured and in which each member of the family, in good times and in bad, may find strength, companionship and comfort, and grow to maturity in love.

Marriage is a way of life made holy by God, and blessed by the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ with those celebrating a wedding at Cana in Galilee. Marriage is a sign of unity and loyalty which all should uphold and honour. It enriches society and strengthens community. No one should enter into it lightly or selfishly but reverently and responsibly in the sight of almighty God.

Terry and Karina are now to enter this way of life. They will each give their consent to the other and make solemn vows, and in token of this they will [each] give and receive a ring. We pray with them that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen them, that they may fulfil God's purposes for the whole of their earthly life together.

The Declarations

Terry, will you take Karina to be your wife?

Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

He answers: I will.

Karina, will you take Terry to be your husband?

Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

She answers: I will.

(The minister says to the congregation)

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

Family and Friends answer: We will.

The Collect

Scripture Readings.

Reading from Ruth 1:16-17 and from Romans 12:9-12

Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you,
Or to turn back from following after you;
For wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people shall be my people,
And your God, my God.
Where you die, I will die,
And there will I be buried.
The LORD do so to me, and more also,
If anything but death parts you and me."

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

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The Marriage

Including, The Vows, The Giving of Rings and The Proclamation

The Blessing of the Marriage

Registration of the Marriage

Hornpipe from Water Music - Handel

Prayers of Intercession

To be bidding Lord of life please respond hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
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 - One More Step Along The World I Go

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you.

Chorus

And it's from the old I travel to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you.
Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.

Chorus

As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know.

Chorus

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Chorus

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Chorus

The Dismissal and Final Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. All Amen.

Bridal Couple Recessional - Wedding March from 'A Midsummers Night's Dream'- Mendelssohn

MAID OF HONOUR

Kayleigh Simpson

BEST MAN

Steve Pooley

BRIDESMAIDS

Sarah Melhuish

Ellie King

Indiah King-Melhuish

Maddie Maslanka

Bella Mailer

WITNESSES

Lorraine Pooley

Steve Pooley