

You are warmly welcome to the  
marriage service of

# **Mark and Sally**

**1.30 pm**

**Friday, 1st February 2024**

**St Edmundsbury Cathedral**

**Quire**

Organ music before the service: Rhosymedre ('Lovely') Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Entrance of the bride: Sheep may safely graze Johann Sebastian Bach

## **THE INTRODUCTION**

Reverend Anita Rooney gives the welcome

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. 1 John 4.16

*All stand to sing*

### **HYMN**

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love.**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.**

Words: John Whittier, 1807-1892

Music: Repton, C Hubert H Parry, 1848-1918  
from a song in his oratorio Judith

## **THE PREFACE**

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

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

**All: We will.**

## **THE COLLECT**

## **BIBLE READING**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-13 is read by Sally's friend, Gaynor.**

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part,

and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

## **THE SERMON**

*All stand to sing*

### **HYMN**

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing:  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him;  
dwellers all in time and space.**

**Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

Words: H F Lyte, 1793-1847  
Music: Praise, my soul, John Goss, 1800-80

## **THE MARRIAGE VOWS**

### **THE GIVING OF RINGS AND PROCLAMATION**

### **THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE**

### **THE REGISTRATION**

During the signing of the registers the choir sings  
Thomas Tallis Tallis text: 2 Chronicles 6.19-21  
This Marriage Eric Whitacre text: Rumi (13th century)

### **READING**

#### **Waterloo Bridge by Wendy Cope read by Mark's brother, Pete**

On Waterloo Bridge where we said our goodbyes,  
the weather conditions bring tears to my eyes.  
I wipe them away with a black woolly glove.  
And try not to notice I've fallen in love.

On Waterloo Bridge I am trying to think:  
This is nothing. you're high on the charm and the drink.  
But the juke-box inside me is playing a song  
That says something different. And when was it wrong?

On Waterloo Bridge with the wind in my hair  
I am tempted to skip. You're a fool. I don't care.  
the head does its best but the heart is the boss-  
I admit it before I am halfway across.

## **PRAYERS**

The response to Lord of life and love

**All Lord hear our prayer**

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*All stand to sing*

## **HYMN**

**And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?**

**And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?**

**And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?**

**And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among those dark satanic mills?**

**Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear: o clouds unfold  
I will not cease from mental fight;  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land**

**Bring me my spear: o clouds unfold!  
Bring me my chariots of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight;  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.**

Words: William Blake, 1757-1827

Music: Jerusalem, C Hubert H Parry, 1848-1918

### **THE BLESSING**

The minister says

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.

**Amen**

### **THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM**

*"You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams."* - **Dr. Seuss**