

EDWARD AND JULIA STAND BEFORE THE PRIEST

The priest says: Love bears all things, believes all things, endures all things, love never ends.

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

ALL STAND

HYMN: AMAZING GRACE

LET US PRAY

Grant, O God, in your compassion, that Edward and Julia, having taken each other in marriage, and affirming again the covenant which they have made, may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns in you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

SHORT ADDRESS: Archdeacon Ballantyne

RENEWAL OF VOWS

Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with Edward and Julia, who have come today to give thanks to God for his blessing upon their marriage, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

The Celebrant then asks Edward:

Edward, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to Julia, in holy matrimony?

Edward answers: I do.

The Celebrant then asks Julia:

Julia, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to Edward, in holy matrimony?

Julia answers: I do.

Edward and Julia then say together:

We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating our marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Lead us further in companionship with each other and with you. Give us grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen us all our days, and bring us to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EDWARD AND JULIA WILL THEN SAY THEIR OWN VOWS OF COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER AND EXCHANGE GIFTS.

The Celebrant then blesses them, saying:

May God the Father, who at creation ordained that man and woman become one flesh, keep you one. Amen

May God the Son, who adorned this manner of life by his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, be present with you always. Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other, strengthen your bond. Amen.

And may God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you this day and forever. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE GRACE

