

Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart  
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## **THE PREFACE + DECLARATIONS**

### *FIRST READING*

*To Love is To Not Possess, James Kavanaugh  
read by Julia Hemmings*

To love is not to possess,  
To own or imprison,  
Nor to lose one's self in another.  
Love is to join and separate,  
To walk alone and together,  
To find a laughing freedom  
That lonely isolation does not permit.  
It is finally to be able  
To be who we really are  
No longer clinging in childish dependency  
Nor docilely living separate lives in silence,  
It is to be perfectly one's self  
And perfectly joined in permanent commitment  
To another—and to one's inner self.  
Love only endures when it moves like waves,  
Receding and returning gently or passionately,  
Or moving lovingly like the tide  
In the moon's own predictable harmony,

Because finally, despite a child's scars  
Or an adult's deepest wounds,  
They are openly free to be  
Who they really are—and always secretly were,  
In the very core of their being  
Where true and lasting love can alone abide.

### **HYMN**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like,  
no cares can destroy,  
Be there at our waking,  
and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled  
at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labors,  
and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome,  
your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing,  
and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts,  
Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment,  
whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping,  
and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts,  
Lord, at the end of the day.

**SECOND READING**

*I Love You Because, Jim Reeves*

*Read by Poppy van der Plas*

I love you because you understand, dear  
Every single thing I try to do  
You're always there to lend a helping hand, dear  
I love you most of all because you're you  
No matter what the world may say about me  
I know your love will always see me through  
I love you for the way you never doubt me  
But most of all I love you 'cause you're you  
I love you because my heart is lighter  
Every time I'm walking by your side  
I love you because the future's brighter  
The door to happiness, you open wide  
No matter what the world may say about me  
I know your love will always see me through  
I love you for a hundred thousand reasons  
But most of all I love you 'cause you're you

## **BIBLE READING**

The Revd Mandy Hodgson

Getting the perfect relationship  
Colossians Chapter 3, verses 12 - 17

## **THE ADDRESS**

### **THE MARRIAGE + THE BLESSING**

### **THE SIGNING OF THE REGISTER**

Pauline's Choir with Another day of Sun, directed by Emily Jones

## **PRAYERS**

During the prayers this response will be used.

Lord of life and love

**All** Hear our prayer.

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.

And 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 forever.

Amen