



Welcome to the Marriage of

*Natalie Clare
Smith*

and

*Matthew Robert
Webb*

Saturday 16th August 2023

2pm

Taunton Minster

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba - Handel

A piece from George Friedrich Handel's oratorio "Solomon", Sinfonia for two oboes and strings, originally written in 1748 and performed for the first time on 17th March 1749.

THE WELCOME

The Reverend Tobie Osmond

&

The Reverend Canon Alan Gyle

HYMN - Thine be the Glory

Originally written by Swiss Protestant minister, Edmond Budry in 1884, 'Thine Be the Glory' was translated into English nearly 40 years later in 1923 by Richard Birch Hoyle (1875–1939). It is set to the tune of the chorus "See, the Conqu'ring hero comes" from the third section of Handel's oratorio Judas Maccabaeus.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

THE PREFACE

THE DECLARATIONS

FIRST READING

1 John 4:7-16, read by Courtney Jefferies

HYMN - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Written in 1747 by Charles Wesley, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling was inspired by verse 16 of John 1 Chapter 4 - 'And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.'

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

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 heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13, read by George Ward-Thompson

THE MARRIAGE

The Vows

The Giving of the Rings

The Proclamation

The Blessing of the Marriage

Registration of the Marriage

Jesu Joy - Sung by the Choir of Taunton Minster

Hopefully you've heard this one before J. S. Bach — originally programmed it as the finale to a ten-movement liturgical work celebrating the miraculous pregnancies of Mary and Elizabeth from the Gospel of Luke, and God's subversion of the world order through the birth of Christ. "The wondrous hand of the exalted Almighty is active in the mysteries of the earth!" the work proclaims.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

THE LORDS 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.

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.

HYMN- Great is Thy Faithfulness

This poem was written in 1923 by Thomas Chisholm about God's faithfulness over his lifetime. It was set to music that same year, composed by William M. Runyan. The phrase "great is thy faithfulness" comes from the Old Testament Book of Lamentations 3:23.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

*Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10, 000 beside

THE DISMISSAL

Recessional Music - Trumpet Voluntary in D - John Stanley

Stanley was blinded at the age of 2 following a childhood accident, despite this he went on to be the youngest ever graduate of Music at Oxford aged 17, became good friends with Handel and succeeded William Boyce as Master of the King's Musick when he was 67 and then lived to the age of 74!

BRIDE & GROOM DEPARTURE

"We are all a little weird and life's a little weird, and when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall in mutual weirdness and call it love" Author Unknown

Maid of Honour

Laura Smith

Best Man

Dave Barstow

Bridesmaids

Caitlin Dyde

Olivia Muir

Ushers

James Webb

Harrison Hunter

Nick Oniot

Will Jordon

Witnesses

Person no.1

Person no.2

With huge Thanks to the amazing team at Taunton Minster:

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spiritual guidance

Miles Quick - Music Director & Organist

Stuart Paul - Trumpet

The Choir of Taunton Minster

The Bell Ringers of Taunton Minster

The Flower ladies of Taunton Minster