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YOU ARE WARMLY WELCOMED
TO THE WEDDING CEREMONY OF

Megan Halsted

and

Yiana Shakespeare

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST 2023

AT 1pm

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, LOUGHTON

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba by G.F Handel

THE WELCOME

HYMN

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
'Twas God that made them all

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colors
And made their tiny wings

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The purple headed mountains
The rivers running by
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky

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The cold wind in the winter
The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden
He made them every one

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THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY

FIRST READING

A reading from Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6,7, by Sarah Montgomerie

SECOND READING

Touched by an Angel (Maya Angelou) by Simon Shakespeare

THE EXCHANGE OF RINGS

HYMN

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on

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I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a cross to die:

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance, and I still go on:

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
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PRAYERS

The Lords Prayer

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.

THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

Witnesses: Thomas Halsted and Samora Shakespeare

Ave Maria by Schubert

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 these dark Satanic mills? Bring me my bow of burning gold:
Bring me my arrows of desire:
Bring me my spear: O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot 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.

THE DISMISSAL & FINAL BLESSING

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Mendelssohn's Wedding March

