

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.

THE MARRIAGE

The Vows
The Giving of the Rings
The Proclamation of the Marriage
The Blessing of the Marriage

HYMN

Lord of the Dance

Sydney Carter

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.

cont...

Refrain

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 would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the Dance went on.

Refrain

I danced on the Sabbath when 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.

Refrain

I danced on a Friday and 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.

Refrain

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;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

FIRST READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians 13 4-end, Read by Kyle Sharp

SECOND READING

A reading from John 2: 1-11, Read by Andrew Rollason

THIRD READING

Never Marry But For Love by William Penn, Read by Lesley Rollason

FOURTH READING

Love is Friendship Set on Fire - Laura Hendricks, Read by Michelle Reston

THE ADDRESS

The Revd Anthea Elston

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

Each time the priest says the bidding "**Lord of Life and Love**", the congregation is invited to respond with the words

"Hear our prayer".

All: 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

HYMN

We Pledge to One Another

Jill Jenkins & G Holst

We pledge to one another,
before the Lord above,
entire and whole and perfect,
this union of our love —
a love that will be patient,
a love that will be wise,
that will not twist with envy,
nor lose itself in lies;
a love that will not falter,
a love to hold us fast,
and bind us to each other
as long as life shall last.

We pray that God will guide us
through all the years to be,
our lives be shaped by courage,
hope and serenity.
Through joy and celebration,
through loneliness and pain,
may loyalty, compassion
and tenderness remain,
that those who share the blessing
of love that cannot cease
may walk the paths of gentleness
into the place of peace.