

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if thou abide with me.  
Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)  
Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

The Priest says to the congregation:

Will you, the families and friends of Nathan and Rachel,  
support and uphold them in their marriage  
now and in the years to come?

All     We will.

## **THE COLLECT**

### **THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY**

The Reverend Canon Christopher Wilton

## **THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE**

### **READING**

**1 John 4 : 7-12**

Read by John Burroughs

### **THE ADDRESS**

The Reverend Canon Christopher Wilton

## HYMN

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.

## THE PRAYERS

To the words "Lord of life and love"  
All respond "Hear our prayer"

Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,  
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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.