ORDER OF SERVICE

# STEVEN

 $CARRARA-\mathcal{F}OHNSTON$ 

and

# NATALIE

 $CARRARA-\mathcal{F}OHNSTON$ 

SATURDAY, THE FOURTH OF MAY

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR

AT TWO THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOON

ST THOMAS CHURCH | CLIFTON

OFFICIATED BY JOHN EVANS



"I am grateful that you were born, that your love is mine, and our two lives are woven and welded together."

Mark Twaln

## THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE Endless Love by Lionel Richie

# THE WELCOME The Revd John Evans

### HYMN One More Step

One more step along the world I go
One more step along the world I go
From the old things to the new
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

'Round the corners of the world I turn
More and more about the world I learn
And the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me traveling the way I should
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

Give me courage when the world is rough
Keep me loving though the world is tough
Leap and sing in all I do
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

You are older than the world can be You are younger than the life in me Ever old and ever new Keep me traveling along with you And it's from the old I travel to the new Keep me traveling along with you.

#### THE DECLARATIONS

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

All: We will.

#### FIRST READING

#### 1 Corinthians Chapter 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

#### SECOND READING

Mark 10 6-9 13-16

But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." 7"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,\* 8 and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' 16And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

#### THE MARRIAGE

#### THE VOWS

#### THE GIVING OF THE RINGS

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MARRIAGE

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE & FAMILY

### HYMN Love Divine

Love Divine, all love excelling,
Joy of heav'n, 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.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
May Thy presence e'er be with us,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thou wouldst approve,
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 with Thee we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

#### 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 DISMISSAL & FINAL BLESSING

## THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

Especially for You Fason Donovan & Kylie Minogue

## THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Your Song Elton John

