

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 heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

*A reading from the Song of Songs, read by Isobel Williams
Please sit*

My lover belongs to me and I to him.

He says to me:

“Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
For love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned”.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love

They are happy, whose God is the Lord
the people he has chosen as his own.
The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love.

Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
In him do our hearts find joy.
We trust in his holy name.

Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love



SECOND READING

*A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, read by
David Cooper*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts.
And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of
them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels,
but speak without love,
I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing.

If I have the gift of prophecy,
understanding all the mysteries there are,
and knowing everything,
and if I have faith in all its fulness, to move mountains,
but without love,
then I am nothing at all.

If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece,
and if I even let them take my body to burn it,
but am without love,
it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind;
it is never jealous;

love is never boastful or conceited;
it is never rude or selfish;

it does not take offence, and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the
truth;

it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope,
and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand

Allelujah, allelujah!
God is love. Let us love one another as God has loved us.
Allelujah, allelujah!

The Lord be with you
And with your spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Glory to You O Lord

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and tested him, saying,
“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause
whatever?” Jesus said in reply, “Have you not read that
the Creator, from the beginning, made them male and female
and that he said:
“This is why a man must leave father and mother and be joined
to his wife, and the two become one body?
They are no longer two, therefore, but one body.
So then, what God has united, man must not divide.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

HOMILY

Fr Power
Please sit

RITE OF MARRIAGE

EXCHANGE OF VOWS AND BLESSING OF THE RINGS

**REGISTRATION OF
THE MARRIAGE**
Music by Ben Thomas

BIDDING PRAYERS
Read by Emily Brewer and Annabel Cooper

Bless Lucy and Will on their journey through life, and grant them all the graces necessary to fulfil the promises they have made to each other here today. We pray that when they need a helping hand, a word of advice or a prayer for guidance, their families and friends may be there to support them.

Lord hear us
R: Lord graciously hear us

We pray for the families and friends of Lucy and Will gathered here today and all who helped and guided them on their journey to becoming husband and wife. May the friendship and support of their families and friends continue all the days of their lives.

Lord hear us
R: Lord graciously hear us

Let us pray for family and friends who have departed from this life but who are with us today in spirit. As long as we live, they too will live in our hearts and we remember them with love.

Lord hear us
R: Lord graciously hear us

May all married couples here today be reminded of the joy of their own day. May they give thanks for the happiness they have known and may each day find them more devoted to each other.

Lord hear us

R: Lord graciously hear us

We are blessed today to be gathered together for a happy occasion. Let us give thanks for our own blessings, for the gifts of life and health, which we so often take for granted. We pray for all those who are suffering due to illness, loneliness, injustice, or poverty at this time. We also remember those who care for them, that God will give them the hope and inner strength they need.

Lord hear us

R: Lord graciously hear us

We ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray with us as we say:

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen**

NUPTIAL BLESSING

LORD'S 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.
Amen**

HYMN

William Williams

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

FINAL BLESSING

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba, George F Handel