

# THE CEREMONY

Entrance of the bride, during which the organist will play *Pachelbel's Canon in D*.

Greeting by Father David.

## **Hymn: Give me joy in my heart**

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
Keep me praising 'til the end of day

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna*  
*Sing hosanna to the King of kings*  
*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna*  
*Sing hosanna to the King*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting  
Keep me resting 'til the end of day

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
Give me love in my heart, I pray  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
Keep me serving 'til the end of day

## Opening prayer

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 5:2, 25-32,  
read by Michael Pearl Sr.

Michael: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Song of Songs 2: 8-10, 14, 16; 6-7,  
read by Donna Walker.

Donna: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Before the Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel, Matthew 19: 3-6, read by Father David.

## After the Gospel

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# Homily

## The Rite of Marriage

### Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Bidding prayers, read by Siân Thompson.

Siân: Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

### **Hymn: Morning has broken**

Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
of the new day!

Father David will give the Nuptial Blessing, at the end of which people acclaim: Amen.

Signing of the register, during which the organist will play *Blinded by Your Grace, Pt.2* by Stormzy.

Final blessing and dismissal

Recessional: *Accidentally in Love (from Shrek 2)* by Counting Crows

Following the ceremony, we will take a group photograph beside the Church (weather permitting).

A reception will follow at Royal Norwich Golf Club.