

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE
Eternal Source of Light Divine

WELCOME

Father Paul

OPENING 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 break of day

CHORUS

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 break of day

CHORUS

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 break of day

CHORUS

Give me light in my heart, keep me shining
Give me light in my heart, I pray
Give me light in my heart, keep me shining
Keep me shining 'til the break of day

CHORUS

OPENING PRAYER

Father Paul

FIRST READING

St. Paul to the Ephesians

read by Nicola Ratcliffe

Give yourself to one another completely, be generous in your giving and make no conditions for these gifts. Love one another constantly and fully. Be humble in your acceptance of your partner's love. Be honest with each other.

Be thankful for each other's love and strive to develop its richness day by day. Respect each other in every way. Be patient with one another's weaknesses and accept each other's faults.

Communicate constantly with one another, be calm, patient, tolerant and reasonable in your communication. Be capable of good listening.

Share with one another misfortune and fortune alike. Be compassionate and express your love for one another constantly.

Fuse your souls into one and be happy for the love you have been so fortunate to find in one another.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

My True Love Hath My Heart by Sir Philip Sidney

read by Julia Oldham

My true-love hath my heart and I have his,
By just exchange one for the other given;
I hold his dear, and mine he cannot miss;
There never was a bargain better driven.
His heart in me keeps me and him in one;
My heart in him his thoughts and senses guides:
He loves my heart, for once it was his own;
I cherish his because in me it bides.
His heart his wound received from my sight;
My heart was wounded with his wounded heart;
For as from me on him his hurt did light,
So still, methought, in me his hurt did smart:
Both equal hurt, in this change sought our bliss,
My true love hath my heart and I have his.

THIRD READING

Book of Sirach

read by Rebekah Leftley

A loving partner is a safe shelter, whoever finds one has found a rare treasure. A loving partner is something beyond price, there is no measuring their worth. A loving partner is a life-saving remedy, and those who respect their Lord find true love. For as a person is, so is their loved one.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

St John Ch. 15

read by Father Paul

HOMILY

Father Paul

SECOND HYMN

Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
I came down from heaven and I danced on earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth

CHORUS

*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 wouldn't follow me
I danced for fishermen, for James and John
They came with me and the dance went on

CHORUS

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high
And they left me there on a cross to die

CHORUS

I danced on a Friday when 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

CHORUS

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

CHORUS

RITE OF MARRIAGE

BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS

BIDDING PRAYERS

read by Ann Rutter

For Cerys and Will, Lord, please guide them in their life together. May they walk with confidence and vitality; may every joy uplift them and bring them closer; and may every difficulty strengthen and reinforce them.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

For all couples, those who have shared love for many years, those just discovering love and planning their future, and those who have suffered heartache and separation. May they each be brought your tenderness, hope and love to fill their hearts.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

For the world. May those who struggle because of war, disaster and oppression be consoled; may those who are weary, hungry, homeless, alone or abused be given rest. May every nation be an instrument of healing, welcome and compassion, bringing your peace and comfort to every corner of this world.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Lord, we are blessed to be gathered today for this happy occasion. Help us to be thankful for your blessings in each of our lives, in particular for the gift of life and health which we often take for granted. Please give your aid, support, hope and strength to all those who are suffering due to ill-health as well as to those who care for them.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We also remember those who have gone before us, our family and friends who would have loved to share in the joy of this day and remain always in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you, Lord, for the cherished memories they have left us and we ask that you keep them in your care until we are reunited with them.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

NUPTIAL BLESSING

Father Paul

FINAL HYMN

You are Mine

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice
Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light
Come and rest in me

CHORUS

*Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow me, I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine*

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know my name

CHORUS

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live

CHORUS

SIGNING OF THE REGISTERS

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Wedding March

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR JOINING US!

It means everything to us to have you here, giving up your time and in some cases travelling long distances to celebrate with us. All of you have given us love and support in different ways and we would like to say a huge thank you!

We would like to especially thank our parents, wider family, maid of honour, best man, bridesmaids and ushers without whom we would have struggled to prepare for today.

We would also like to thank Father Paul who provided his essential guidance and support in bringing this all together!