

*The Wedding Ceremony*

*of*

GRACE LAVERICK-SMITH

*and*

CHRISTIAN LÜPKE

*7 August 2024*

*CHÂTEAU LE MAS DE MONTET*

*Thank you so much for being here.*

## **THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE**

A thousand years

### **Ginny**

Hello everyone and welcome to the marriage of Christian and Grace. For those who don't know me, I am Ginny, and I have known Grace for all of her life, having been friends with her family since before she was born. It has been a pleasure getting to know Christian and to spend time with him since we first met at the beginning of 2019.

He is a fine young man, and everything that our lovely Grace deserves. The year of our meeting, I trusted him to look after my precious and much-loved pet dog when I went on holiday (with a bit of help from Grace), such was the positive impression he made.

I am truly honoured to have been asked to lead the ceremony today.

### **Julia**

Hello everyone, and once again, a heartfelt welcome to the wedding of our dear Grace and our dear Christian. For those who don't know me yet, I'd like to briefly introduce myself: My name is Juu (Julia) and I have been friends with Christian for several years. Even though we are now physically separated by several hundred kilometres and an ocean, we have still managed to keep in touch. I still remember exactly when Christian first told me about Grace: when he was in the USA, we were talking via video call and her name came up for the first time: Grace.

And today, a few years later, we are here to celebrate their wedding.

## **Ginny**

Grace, I ask you to take Christian's left hand and, as you place the ring on his finger, repeat after me:

Christian, I give you this ring / as a symbol of my love for you / and my commitment / to this marriage

Christian and Grace, you have stood here today, with the people you love around you, made your promises to each other, and sealed the commitment you have made to look after each other and be together for the rest of your lives.

Thank you so much for letting me be part of your day. I am delighted to pronounce that you are now husband and wife. You may kiss the bride.

Please stand, as it is my honour to present to you, the bride and groom.

