

THE INTRODUCTION

FIRST READING

A reading from Song of Solomon 2.10-13, by Heena Patel

My beloved speaks and says to me:

'Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.'

ARIA FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Rejoice Greatly

SECOND READING

1 John 4.7-12, by Natasha Willson

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.

In this is love,
not that we loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another,
God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

HYMN

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

THE ADDRESS

THE MARRIAGE

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

Ave Maria, Schubert
The Swan from Carnival of the Animals, Saint-Saens

THE UNITY CANDLE

A statement of celebration by Caroline Beaman-Assaf

Angela and Robert, the two lighted candles you each hold,
symbolise your separate lives, your separate families
and your separate sets of friends.

I ask that you each take your candle and that together you light this
central Unity Candle.

The individual candles represented your individual lives before today.
Now you are married, lighting the Unity Candle
represents your two lives now joined together to one light,
and represents the joining together
of your families and sets of friends.

HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us
You are one with us, Mary's Son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin
pouring Your love and goodness in
Jesus our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ now and every day
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance Lord of you
Into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
Born as one with us, Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ I would come to you
live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.