

WELCOME  
TO THE WEDDING OF

*Sophie Ayles*

AND

*Lafe Sides*

1PM | SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2024

ST PETER'S CHURCH, WOODMANSTERNE, SM7 3NR

CONDUCTED BY  
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THANK YOU  
FOR SHARING THE DAY WITH US

## **THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE**

Canon in D, Pachelbel

### **THE WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

### **HYMN**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to His feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like thee His praise should sing?  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
to our fathers, in distress;  
praise Him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike, He tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame He knows;  
in His hands, He gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore Him;  
ye behold Him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before Him;  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

### **THE DECLARATIONS**

Will you, the families and friends of Luke and Sophie,  
support and uphold them in their marriage  
now and in the years to come?

**We will**

### **THE COLLECT**

*FIRST READING*

***The Bridge Across Forever by Richard Bach. Read by Ellie Forster***

A soul mate is someone who has locks that fit our keys, and keys to fit our locks. When we feel safe enough to open the locks, our truest selves step out and we can be completely and honestly who we are; we can be loved for who we are and not for who we're pretending to be. Each unveils the best part of the other.

No matter what else goes wrong around us, with that one person we're safe in our own paradise. Our soul mate is someone who shares our deepest longings, our sense of direction. When we're two balloons, and together our direction is up, chances are we've found the right person. Our soul mate is the one who makes life come to life.

*SECOND READING*

***Bible reading from Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8:6-7. Read by Thomas Pearson***

10 My beloved spoke and said to me,  
"Arise, my darling,  
my beautiful one, come with me.

- 11 See! The winter is past;  
the rains are over and gone.
- 12 Flowers appear on the earth;  
the season of singing has come,  
the cooing of doves  
is heard in our land.
- 13 The fig tree forms its early fruit;  
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.  
Arise, come, my darling;  
my beautiful one, come with me.”
- 6 Place me like a seal over your heart,  
like a seal on your arm;  
for love is as strong as death,  
its jealousy unyielding as the grave.  
It burns like blazing fire,  
like a mighty flame.
- 7 Many waters cannot quench love;  
rivers cannot sweep it away.  
If one were to give  
all the wealth of one’s house for love,  
it would be utterly scorned.

### **ADDRESS**

### **HYMN**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before Him now with reverence and fear:  
in Him no sin is found - we stand on Holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace -  
no work too hard for Him. In faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

## **THE MARRIAGE**

### **THE VOWS**

### **THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF RINGS**

### **THE PROCLAMATION**

### **THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE**

### **THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE**

*Wildest Dreams (Taylor Swift), Viva la Vida (Coldplay)*

*Played by Lara Caister*

### **PRAYERS**

Lord of life and love  
**hear our prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,

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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.

Amen

## **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!

## **DISMISSAL**

### **DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM**

*Toccato & Fugue in D minor - Widor*

MAID OF HONOUR

Rachel Blackburn

BEST MAN

Liam Sides

BRIDESMAIDS

Claire Billingham

Helen Billingham

Caroline Matthews

USHERS

William Darlow

Harry Edwards

James Fisher

Connor Gamble

Jake Tolley

WITNESSES

Colin Ayles

Ian Sides



Luke & Sophie

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