

Reading 1 – Blessing of the Hands, Read by Jonathon Crump

“These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever. These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future. These are the hands that will love you and cherish you through the years, And with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no other. These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind. These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes; tears of sorrow, And as in today, tears of joy. These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children, The hands that will help you to hold your family as one. These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it.

And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged, Will still be reaching for yours, Still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.”

Reading 2 – I Corinthians 13 Read by Amelia Kelly

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. I give away all I have, and I deliver up my body to be burned but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong doing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Reading 3 – Song of Solomon by Kieran Rowley

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.'

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

HYMN

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

GOSPEL - Fr Paul

Marriage Rites - Fr Paul

Bidding Prayers by Felicity Twist, Michael Twist and Scott Bound

Felicity Twist - We pray for Annabel and Tim as they begin their married life together. May their home be full of happiness, joy and laughter, may God give them good health and may they always find happiness in each other.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Scott Bound - We pray for the parents of Annabel and Tim, for their family and friends and all who have helped them to become husband and wife.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Michael Twist - We remember the smiles and laughter of those who have gone before us, who would have loved to share in the joy and happiness of this day. We thank God for the happy memories they have left with us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Final Hymn - Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning
When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the 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.