Order of Service for the marriage of



West Park Church, Wolverhampton
Saturday 12th October 2024

Entrance of the Bride

What is Christian Marriage

Andrew Whitehead

Hymn - Before the throne of God above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
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When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made and end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

EPHESIANS 2 (NKJV)

- 1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,
- 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,
- 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.
- 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
- 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
- 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
- 11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—
- 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,
- 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,
- 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.
- 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.
- 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.
- 19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
- 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,
- 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,
- 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

