

ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR THE MARRIAGE OF

Miranda Robyn Bowden - Doyle

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Robert William Poulson

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FOUR

Two o'clock in the afternoon

ST MARY MAGDAELENE

RICHMOND

A wedding is one of life's great moments, a time of solemn commitment as well as good wishes, feasting and joy. St John tells us how Jesus shared in such an occasion at Cana, and gave there a sign of new beginnings as he turned water into wine.

Marriage is intended by God to be a creative relationship, as his blessing enables husband and wife to love and support each other in good times and in bad, and to share in the care and upbringing of children. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is based upon a solemn, public and life-long covenant between a man and a woman, declared and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses.

On this their wedding day the bride and bridegroom face each other, make their promises and receive God's blessing. You are witnesses of the marriage and express your support by your presence and your prayers.

Your support does not end today: Robert and Miranda will value continued encouragement in the days and years ahead of them.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13.4-7

HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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THE BLESSING

EXIT OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

La Rejouissance from Fireworks Music - G. F. Handel

VICAR

The Revd Canon Wilma Roest

ORGANIST

Seb Gillot

BELL RINGERS

Band of St Mary Magdalene

MAID OF HONOUR

Adelaide Bowden-Doyle

BEST MAN

Christopher Poulson

BRIDESMAID

Isabella Francis

USHERS

Charles Francis

Louis Morgan

Will Morgan

WITNESSES

Adelaide Bowden-Doyle

Helen Poulson

'Til I don't know where I begin, and where you end

- Moby