

## **FIRST READING**

*Poem for Marie, by Seamus Heaney  
read by Kanza Ahmed, chosen by the couple*

Love, I shall perfect for you the child  
Who diligently potters in my brain  
Digging with heavy spade till sods were piled  
Or puddling through muck in a deep drain.

Yearly I would sow my yard-long garden.  
I'd strip a layer of sods to build the wall  
That was to keep out sow and pecking hen.  
Yearly, admitting these, the sods would fall.

Or in the sucking clabber I would splash  
Delightedly and dam the flowing drain,  
But always my bastions of clay and mush  
Would burst before the rising autumn rain.

Love, you shall perfect for me this child  
Whose small imperfect limits would keep breaking:  
Within new limits now, arrange the world  
And square the circle: four walls and a ring.

## **PRAYER**

### **SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 13:4-8*

*read by Richard Blight, chosen by Diana McIlwraith*

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

**EXCHANGE OF VOWS**

**GIVING AND RECEIVING  
OF RINGS**

**HANDBASTING**

**PROCLAMATION  
OF MARRIAGE**

**MARRIAGE BLESSING**

**SIGNING OF  
THE REGISTER**

*The Swan, Camille Saint-Saëns*

## **PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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 tresspasses,  
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.

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

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba - Handel