

### ORDER OF SERVICE

## Entrance of the Bride to Handel's The Queen of Sheba

### The Welcome

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

ALL: also with you.

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.1 John 4.16

All God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and you alone are the source of life and love.

Without you, we cannot please you; without your love, our deeds are worth nothing. Send your Holy

Spirit, and pour into our hearts

that most excellent gift of love, that we may worship you now with thankful hearts and serve you always with willing minds; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn I: For the Beauty of the Earth.

Preface
The Declarations
The Collect

Poem: On Marriage by Kahlil Gibran. Read by Dan Bleasdale

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4 - 8. Read by Lorraine Snelson

Sermon: Reverend Ian Sweeney

Hymn II: Jerusalem.

The Wedding Vows
The Giving of Rings
The Proclamation
The Blessing of the Marriage

Hymn IV: That Human Life Might Richer Be

Hymn I: For the Beauty of the Earth.

For the beauty of the earth

For the beauty of the skies

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies

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[Chorus]

Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of the hour

Of the day and of the night

Hill and vale and tree and flower Sun and moon and stars of light

[Chorus]

For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light:

[Chorus]

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
For all gentle thoughts and mild

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild: [Chorus]

Hymn II: Jerusalem.

And did those feet in ancient time

Walk upon England's mountains green?

And was the holy Lamb of God

On England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the countenance divine

Shine forth upon our clouded hills?

And was Jerusalem builded here

Among those dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem

In England's green and pleasant land.

Hymn IV: That Human Life Might Richer Be

That human life might richer be
That children may be named and known,
That love finds its own sanctuary,
That those in love stay not alone.
[Chorus]
Praise, praise the Maker, Spirit, Son,
Blessing this marriage now begun.

As two we love are wed this day
And we stand witness to their vow,
We call on God, the Trinity,
To sanctify their pledges now.
[Chorus]

Parents and families they leave,
Their own new family to make;
And, sharing what their pasts have taught,
They shape it for the future's sake.
Chorus

This is as God meant it to be,

That man and woman should be one

And live in love and love through life,

As Christ on earth has taught and done.

[Chorus]

Then, bless the bridegroom, bless the bride,
The dreams they dream, the hopes they share;
And thank the Lord whose love inspires
Their joy, their lips and ours declare.
[Chorus]

# Signing of the register Accompanied by Hornpipe from Wave Music (Handel) Witnesses Joyce and Lorraine

# Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Mr & Mrs Bleasdale



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