



YOU ARE WARMLY WELCOMED
TO THE MARRIAGE OF

EMILY ALEXANDER

AND

DANIEL KIPELEKA

THE TWENTY EIGHTH OF SEPTEMBER | 2024

CEREMONY - 12.30pm

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH | SOUTHAMPTON

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY

Fr DAVID MILLER

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

Wagner, Lohenrin

THE WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Fr David Miller

HYMN

Come to a wedding, come to a blessing,
come on a day when happiness sings!
come rain or sun, come winter or summer,
celebrate love and all that it brings.

Thanks for the love that holds us together --
parent and child, and lover and friend:
thanks to the God whose love is our centre,
source of compassion, knowing no end.

Love is the gift, and love is the giver,
love is the gold that makes the day shine,
love forgets self to care for the other,
love changes life from water to wine.

Come to this wedding, asking a blessing
for all the years that living will prove:
health of the body, health of the spirit --
now to you both, we offer our love.

THE PREFACE

OPENING PRAYERS & DECLARATIONS

THE COLLECT

FIRST READING

Ruth chapter 1, verses 16 - 17

Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians chapter 13, verses 1 - 8.

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, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if 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 wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

THE ADDRESS

THE EXCHANGE OF VOWS AND GIVING OF RINGS

THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

"May the lord bless and keep you" by John Rutter will be sung by Cantores Michaelis.

HYMN

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day

PRAYERS AND FINAL BLESSINGS

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

As husband and wife prepare to leave, Mandelsohn Wedding Overture from Midsummer's Night's Dream is played.