

THE WELCOME

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

ALL: And also with you

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

OPENING PRAYER

**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 with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

HYMN

**Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe this far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.**

THE PREFACE

THE DECLARATIONS

Will you, the families and friends of David and Samantha, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

ALL: We will

THE COLLECT

God our Father,
From the beginning
you have blessed creation with abundant life.
Pour out your blessings upon David and Samantha,
that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship,
in holiness and commitment to each other.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

ALL: Amen

FIRST READING

A reading from Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6,7, by Az Benfield-Clarke

"My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned."

HYMN

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

THE VOWS

THE GIVING OF THE RINGS

Heavenly Father, by your blessing
Let these rings be to David and Samantha
a symbol of unending love and faithfulness,
to remind them of the vow and covenant
which they have made this day
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

THE PROCLAMATION

BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

Richard Ashcroft
Virginia Lang

HYMN

**Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords,
that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in Love.**

**There is only one God,
there is only one King.
There is only one Body,
that is why we sing.**

**Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords,
that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in Love.**

**Fit for the glory of God,
purchased by His precious Blood,
born with the right to be free:
Jesus the vict'ry has won.**

**Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords,
that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in Love.**

**We are the fam'ly of God,
we are his promise divine,
we are his chosen desire,
we are the glorious new wine.**

**Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords,
that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord,
bind us together in Love.**

THE SECOND READING

Maybe, Anonymous, by Catherine Martin

Maybe we are supposed to meet the wrong people before we meet the right one so when they finally arrive we are truly grateful for the gift we have been given.

Maybe its true that we don't know what we have lost until we lose it but it is also true that we don't know what we're missing until it arrives.

Maybe the happiest of people don't have the best of everything, but make the best of everything that comes their way.

Maybe the best kind of love is the kind where you sit on the sofa together, not saying a word, and walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you ever had.

Maybe once in a lifetime you find someone who not only touches your heart but also your soul, someone who loves you for who you are and not what you could be.

Maybe the art of true love is not about finding the perfect person, but about seeing an imperfect person perfectly.

PRAYERS

- ending with the Lord's Prayer

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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 trespasses,
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**

FINAL BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

BRIDE AND GROOM DEPART