

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

### **Minister:**

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

**All:** We will.

### **Bible Reading:**

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

*The greatest is love.*

**THE ADDRESS:**

The Revd Jeremy Brooks

**THE MARRIAGE**

The Vows

The Exchange of Rings

The Nuptial Blessing



## POEM READING

'The Art of Marriage' by Wilferd A. Peterson

*The little things are the big things. It is never being too old to hold hands. It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.*

*It is never going to sleep angry.  
It is at no time taking the other for granted;  
the courtship should not end with the honeymoon,  
it should continue through all the years.*

*It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating  
gratitude in thoughtful ways.*

*It is not expecting the husband to wear a halo or the wife to have wings  
of an angel.*

*It is not looking for perfection in each other.  
It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding and a sense of  
humor.*

*It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.  
It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.*

*It is finding room for the things of the spirit.  
It is a common search for the good and the beautiful. It is establishing a  
relationship in which the independence is equal, dependence is mutual  
and the obligation is reciprocal.*

*It is not only marrying the right partner, it is being the right partner.*

## **THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE**

### **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

### **HYMN**

We pledge to one another,  
before the Lord above,  
entire and whole and perfect,  
this union of our love —  
a love that will be patient,  
a love that will be wise,  
that will not twist with envy,  
nor lose itself in lies;  
a love that will not falter,  
a love to hold us fast,  
and bind us to each other  
as long as life shall last.