

## THE PREFACE

### The Meaning of Marriage

## THE DECLARATIONS

After the declarations, Canon Mike will say:

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

**All: *We will.***

## FIRST READING

The One, unknown author  
Read by Mel Parker

When the one whose hand you're holding  
Is the one who holds your heart  
When the one whose eyes you gaze into  
Gives your hopes and dreams their start,  
When the one you think of first and last  
Is the one who holds you tight,  
And the things you plan together  
Make the whole world seem just right,  
When the one whom you believe in  
puts their faith and trust in you,  
You've found the one and only love  
You'll share your whole life through.

## **SECOND READING**

### **1 Corinthians 13**

Read by Sophia Amanor

If I speak in the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, 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. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

## **THE ADDRESS**

### **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.

We pray that God will guide us  
through all the years to be,  
our lives be shaped by courage,  
hope and serenity.  
Through joy and celebration,  
through loneliness and pain,  
may loyalty, compassion  
and tenderness remain,  
that those who share the blessing  
of love that cannot cease  
may walk the paths of gentleness  
into the place of peace.

## **THE MARRIAGE**

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

## **AMAZING GRACE**

Sung by Simone Murray  
Keyboard Ian Appleton  
Bass guitar Roger Skinner

**PRAYERS**  
**THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE**

Each time the priest says the bidding "Lord of Life and Love", the congregation is invited to respond with the words "Hear our 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

**HYMN**

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In midst of the darkness, shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me