

# *The Marriage Ceremony*

## *Exchange of Rings*

### *Hymn*

#### O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour  
may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty  
and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise.

## *Reading*

### The Art Of Marriage

Matt Bates

Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens.

A good marriage must be created.

In the art of marriage, 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.

Is it having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.

It is standing together facing the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.

It is doing things for each other, not in the attitude of duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy.

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

It is not looking for perfection in each other.

It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding and a sense of humour.

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 things of the spirit.

It is a common search for 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, but also being the right partner.

It is discovering what marriage can be, at its best.

*Prayer*

Jason Cheetham

*Blessing*

Pastor - Tim Wilson

*Bride and Groom Exit*



