

THE ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDAL PARTY

Stand

THE WELCOME

The Revd Rachel Gouldthorpe welcomes the congregation

HYMN

LORD OF THE DANCE

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon an the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on the cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

THE PREFACE

Sit

THE DECLARATIONS

Rachel says to the congregation

First, I am required by law to ask anyone present who knows a reason why these persons may not lawfully marry, to declare it now.

Rachel says to Adam and Alicia

The vows you are about to take are to be made in the presence of God, who is judge of all and knows all the secrets of our hearts;
Therefore if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

Rachel says to Adam

Adam will you take Alicia to be your wife?
Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her,
And, forsaking all others,
Be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Adam answers

I will.

Rachel says to Alicia

Alicia, will you take Adam to be your husband?
Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him,
And, forsaking all others,
Be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Alicia answers

I will

Rachel says to the congregation

Will you, the families and friends of Adam and Alicia,
Support and uphold them in their marriage
now and in the years to come?

All answer

We will

THE COLLECT

Stand

Rachel invites the people to pray, silence is kept and she says this prayer

God our Father,
From the beginning
You have blessed creation with abundant life.
Pour out your blessings upon Adam and Alicia,
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

THE READINGS

Sit

A reading from the bible, 'St Paul's Letter of Love' (1 Corinthians 13)

Read by Nicholas Gray-Cowley

A reading by Charlotte Clements, 'Marriage Is

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THE ADDRESS

Sit

Rev'd Rachel Gouldthorpe

HYMN

SING HOSANNA

Stand

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 end 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 resting.
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Keep me resting 'till the end 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 end of day.

THE GIVING AWAY

Sit

Who brings this woman to be married to this man?

Nigel Gray-Cowley (Alicia's father) gives Alicia's right hand to Rachel who puts it in Adam's right hand.

THE MARRIAGE

Adam and Alicia stand before Rachel

THE VOWS

Adam and Alicia,
I now invite you to join hands and make your vows,
In the presence of God and his people.

Adam and Alicia face each other. He takes her right hand in his as he says

I, Adam Clements, take you, Alicia Cowley,
to be my wife,
to have and to hold
from this day forward;
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till death us do part;
according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow.

They loose hands. Alicia takes Adam's right hand in hers as she says the vows

I, Alicia Cowley, take you Adam Clements,
to be my husband,
to have and to hold
from this day forward;
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till death us do part;
according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow.

They loose hands.

THE GIVING OF THE RINGS

Rachel receives the rings and says this prayer over them

Heavenly Father, by your blessing
Let these rings be to Adam and Alicia
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

Adam places the ring on the fourth finger of Alicia's left hand

Alicia Cowley, I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Alicia places the ring on the fourth finger of Adam's left hand

Adam Clements, I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MARRIAGE

In the presence of God, and before this congregation,
Adam and Alicia have given their consent
And made their marriage vows to each other.
They have declared their marriage by the joining of hands
And by the giving and receiving of rings.
I therefore proclaim that they are husband and wife.

Rachel joins their right hands together and says
Those whom God has joined together
let no one put asunder.

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

Sit or Kneel

Adam and Alicia kneel and Rachel asks God to bless their marriage.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
For you have created joy and gladness,
Pleasure and delight, love, peace and friendship.
Pour out the abundance of your blessing
Upon Adam and Alicia in their new life together.
Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts
And a crown upon their heads.
Bless them in their work and in their companionship;
Awake and asleep, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death.
Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that banquet
Where your saints feast forever in your heavenly home.
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever

All:Amen

Rachel then says to Adam and Alicia

God the Father,
God the Son,
God the Holy Spirit,
Bless, preserve and keep you;
The Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace,
That you may please him both in body and soul,
And, living together in faith and love,
May receive the blessings of eternal life.

All:Amen

THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

Rachel, Adam, Alicia, and their two witnesses Janette Cowley (Alicia's mum) and Patricia Clements (Adam's Mum) will sign the registers by the Cavendish chapel.

*During the signing of the registers quiet music will be played.
Please sit quietly during this time.*

PRAYERS

Sit

The newly married couple kneel at the high altar where they are prayed for.

The response after each prayer is

Reader: Lord of life and love

All: Hear our prayer

The prayers conclude 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**

HYMN

SHINE JESUS SHINE

Stand

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the 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.