

The marriage service of

Mark and Sally

1.30 pm

Friday, 1st November 2024

St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Entrance of the bride: Sheep may safely graze by Johann Sebastian Bach

THE INTRODUCTION

The Welcome by Reverend Anita Rooney

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. 1 John 4.16

All stand to sing

HYMN

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love.**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.**

Words: John Whittier, 1807-1892

Music: Repton, C Hubert H Parry, 1848-1918

THE PREFACE

THE DECLARATIONS

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

All: We will.

THE COLLECT

BIBLE READING

1 Corinthians 13:4-13 is read by Sally's friend, Gaynor.

THE SERMON

All stand to sing

HYMN

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

Words: H F Lyte, 1793-1847

Music: Praise, my soul, John Goss, 1800-80

THE MARRIAGE VOWS

THE GIVING OF RINGS AND PROCLAMATION

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

THE REGISTRATION

During the signing of the registers the choir sings

Thomas Tallis: If ye love me.

This Marriage by Eric Whitacre from the text by Rumi (13th century)

READING

Waterloo Bridge by Wendy Cope read by Mark's brother, Pete

PRAYERS

The response to Lord of life and love

All Lord hear our prayer

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

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.

All stand to sing

HYMN

**And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?**

**And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?**

**And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?**

**And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?**

Bring me my bow of burning gold.

Bring me my arrows of desire.

Bring me my spear: O clouds unfold!

Bring me my chariots of fire!

I will not cease from mental fight;

Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand

Till we have built Jerusalem

In England's green and pleasant land.

Words: William Blake, 1757-1827

Music: Jerusalem, C Hubert H Parry, 1848-1918

THE BLESSING

The Minister says:

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

In loving memory of all those who can't be with us today.

