

## OUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST



With Christ at the centre of our union, we step boldly into the unknown, for He is our anchor and our guide. 'The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.' (Deuteronomy 31:8)

## **THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE**

Canon in D, Pachelbel

**WELCOME | Rev Richard Bray, Rector**

### **HYMN - Amazing Grace**

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there a thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

## DECLARATIONS & VOWS

### HYMN - In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
he is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
fulness of God in helpless babe!  
This Gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save,  
till on that cross as Jesus died  
the wrath of God was satisfied –  
for every sin on him was laid:  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay:  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine –  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of Hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from his hand:  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

## SECOND READING

A reading from Ephesians 5:21-33

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Saviour. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies.

He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no-one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church - for we are members of his body.

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

This is a profound mystery -but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

## **Address**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in Heaven  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
On Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
And the glory are yours  
Now and forever.  
Amen

### **HYMN - Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –  
thou my best thought, in the day or the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me Heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou, and thou only, be first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.  
High King of Heaven, thou bright Heaven's Sun,  
grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;  
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O ruler of all.

**SIGNING OF REGISTERS**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**DEPARTURE OF BRIDE AND GROOM**

Wedding March from A Midsummer Night's Dream by Mendelssohn