



THE MARRIAGE OF  
JUSTIN  
AND  
CATHERINE

The Church of St Joan of Arc, Farnham  
14th October, 2005

## ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE

### WELCOME

Canon Tony Whale

### HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness,  
Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike,  
no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking,  
and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness,  
Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled  
at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours,  
and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness,  
Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome,  
your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing,  
and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord,  
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,  
Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment,  
whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping,  
and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
at the end of the day.

## OPENING PRAYER

*Please sit*

### THE FIRST READING

Romans 12:9-18

Read by Peter Hey

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to  
what is good;

Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another  
in showing honour.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality  
to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but  
associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than  
you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what  
is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably  
with all.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

## PSALM 23

The Lord's My Shepherd  
Music by Crimond

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
Even for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou are with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life,  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

*Please sit*

## THE SECOND READING

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12  
Read by Robin Crow

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.  
For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone  
and falls and does not have another to help.  
Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm  
alone?  
And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one.  
A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

*Please stand*

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:6-9

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to St Mark.

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said, 'From the beginning of creation, "God made them male  
and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and  
mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one."  
So they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined  
together let not man put asunder.'

Priest: This is the gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit*

## HOMILY

## RITE OF MARRIAGE

## BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS

## BIDDING PRAYERS

Read by Catherine May

Let us pray for Justin and Catherine, may the grace given to them in this Sacrament of Matrimony be always active in them. May it inspire them when life seems dull and strengthen them in times of trial.

May it give them understanding in moments of tension and fill them with gratitude when all goes well.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

By this marriage our two families have been united. May all of us increase in affection for one another, and find in one another a source of help and strength.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all the friends and family of Justin and Catherine and those who have had some part in bringing them to this happy day.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those of our dear ones who have departed this life. May God give them eternal rest.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to Mary, Mother of God and wife of Joseph the carpenter.

**All: Hail, Mary, full of grace,**

**The Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou among women**

**And blessed is the fruit of thy womb,**

**Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,**

**Pray for us sinners,**

**Now and at the hour of our death.**

**Amen.**

## NUPTIAL BLESSING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please sit*

### THE SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

*Please stand*

### HYMN

I vow to thee, my country - all earthly things above -  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago -  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

### FINAL BLESSING

### THE RECESSIONAL

