

Wedding service at St Michael and All Angels Church

Please stand.

Incoming Music:

Minister: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

All **and also with you**

(ALL stay standing)

Welcome

*Welcome to you all here in church
also on behalf of the groom and bride can I welcome you all,
and finally welcome to you – N&N
We have spent some time looking forward to this day and it is
a delight that we are finally here.*

Please stay standing for our opening prayer

God of wonder and joy: grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
that we may worship you now with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We now sing our first Hymn:

End take books

Please be seated

We have come together in the presence of God, to witness the marriage of *N* and *N*, to ask his blessing on them, and to share in their joy. Our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a guest at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and through his Spirit he is with us now.

The Bible teaches us that marriage is a gift of God in creation and a means of his grace, a holy mystery in which man and woman become one flesh. It is God's purpose that, as husband and wife give themselves to each other in love throughout their lives, they shall be united in that love as Christ is united with his Church.

Marriage is given, that husband and wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty, in sorrow and in joy. It is given, that with delight and tenderness they may know each other in love, and, through the joy of their bodily union, may strengthen the union of their hearts and lives. It is given as the foundation of family life in which children may be born and nurtured in accordance with God's will, to his praise and glory.

In marriage husband and wife belong to one another, and they begin a new life together in the community. It is a way of life that all should honour; and it must not be undertaken carelessly, lightly, or selfishly, but reverently, responsibly, and after serious thought.

This is the way of life, created and hallowed by God, that *N* and *N* are now to begin. They will each give their consent to the other; they will join hands and exchange solemn vows, and in token of this they will [each] give and receive a ring.

Therefore, on this their wedding day we pray with them, that, strengthened and guided by God, they may fulfil his purpose for the whole of their earthly life together.

Before we proceed I am obliged to ask some legal questions:

THE DECLARATIONS.

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

The minister says to the couple

The vows you are about to take are to be made in the presence of God, therefore if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.....

The minister says to the bridegroom

N, will you take *N* 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? **I will.**

The minister says to the bride

N, will you take *N* 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? **I will.**

The minister says to the congregation

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

All **We will.**

THE COLLECT

God our Father, from the beginning,
you have blessed creation with abundant life.
Pour out your blessings upon *N* & *N*
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:

Reading 1

by:

Words by Vicar or guest speaker

Reading 2

by:

**Now in the light of that preparation
we come to the marriage**

THE MARRIAGE

The Vows

N & N I now invite you to join hands and make your vows, in the presence of God and his people.

The bridegroom takes the bride's right hand in his, and says

I, *N* take you, *N*,
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.

The bride takes the bridegroom's right hand in hers, and says

I, *N* take you, *N*,
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.

GIVING OF THE Ring's

May I have the ring

Heavenly Father, by your blessing,
let these rings be to *N & N*
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.**

*minister receives ring b man to seat
each places ring on others 4th finger left hand and says*

N, 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 minister joins their right hands together and says

In the presence of God, and before this congregation, N & N 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 now husband and wife.

Those whom God has joined let no one put asunder.

BLESSING *Kneel for the*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
for you have created joy and gladness,
pleasure and delight, love, peace and fellowship.

Pour out the abundance of your blessing
upon N & N 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 for ever 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.**

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.**

(You may now kiss the bride)

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

*Groom and bride, bridesmaid, flowers up to sign. (witnesses side)
then photograph with flowers, marriage cert to bride*

music during signing:

After the signing of the register:

Bride keeps flowers as returning for the

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Hymn: if having three*

At last verse of hymn move to say prayers

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray:

*Own prayer: If saying prayer b & g turn face congregation,
Pause Amen.*

n and n kneel

Prayer led by vicar or ?

Introduction is "at the end of each intercession I will say Lord of life and love and we all say the response "Hear our prayer"

Faithful God, holy and eternal, source of life and spring of love, we thank and praise you for bringing N and N to this day, and we pray for them Lord of life and love:

Hear our prayer.

May their marriage be life-giving and life-long, enriched by your presence and strengthened by your grace, may they bring comfort and confidence to each other in faithfulness and trust.

Lord of life and love: **Hear our prayer.**

May the hospitality of their home bring refreshment and joy to all around them; may their love overflow to neighbours in need and embrace those in distress.

Lord of life and love: **Hear our prayer.**

May they discern in your word, order and purpose for their lives; and may the power of your Holy Spirit lead them in truth and defend them in adversity

Lord of life and love: **Hear our prayer.**

May they nurture their family with devotion, see their children grow in body, mind and spirit and come at last to the end of their lives with hearts content and in joyful anticipation of heaven.

Lord of life and love: **Hear our prayer.**

We all say together the prayer our Lord gave us

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 for ever.
Amen.

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

Stand for our final hymn:

Bride receives flowers

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Will you all Please stay standing for our final blessing:

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.

PROCESSIONAL music to leave to :