

Sermon

Prayers

We pray for the newly married couple, responding:

Lord of life and love:

All: Hear our prayer.

We summarise our prayers in the words Our Saviour taught us:

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.

Registration of the Marriage

Please note that photographs may not be taken during the signing of these legal documents.

Dismissal

After the Dismissal, please feel free to take as many photographs as you wish as the newly married couple process out of the Church

Departure Procession

The Bride and Groom leave the church as Husband and Wife to [selected music]

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but

St Andrew's Whitchurch



The Marriage Service

Welcome to this joyous celebration of the gift of Marriage. During the celebration of this special occasion, we ask that you please do not take any photographs. There will be plenty of opportunities at the end of the service.

Order of Service

Please respond with the words in bold

Entrance

The Bride enters the Church [accompanied by her father] to [selected music]

Introduction and Welcome

The minister welcomes everyone and begins the service with these words:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All : and also with you.

All: God of wonder and of joy:
grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
Without you, we cannot please you;
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.
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.

[Giving Away] - optional
[The bride is entrusted into the hand of the bridegroom]

Hymn

Preface

The minister describes the Christian understanding of Marriage

Declarations

Legal declarations are made. After these, the minister asks the following question of the congregation

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

All: We will!

Collect

The minister says a prayer which 'collects' or sums up our prayers

Hymn

Vows

Solemn vows are made in the sight of God

The Giving and Receiving of Rings

Rings are exchanged as an outward sign of the marriage

Proclamation

The couple are declared husband and wife

The Marriage Blessing

We pray for God's blessing on the couple

Hymn

Reading(s)

At the end of the Bible reading, the response is :

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God