

The wedding of
Elizabeth Burgin & Nicholas Boalch



Church of St Michael & All Angels
Eastington

¶ *The Introduction*

Processional

Gloria in excelsis Deo

from Gloria in D major, RV 589 by Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)

Arranged for guitar and performed by John Cordy

The Welcome

The minister welcomes the people.

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.

The following prayer is said

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.

All Amen.

Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine

Text: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434); translated by Richard F. Littledale (1833–1890) alt.

Music (DOWN AMPNEY): Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

1 Come down, O Love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with Thine own ardour glowing,

O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

Preface & Declarations

The minister introduces the ceremony, and takes declarations from Liz, Nick, and the congregation.

The minister says to the congregation

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

All **We will.**

Silence is kept, and the minister says the Collect.

Readings

Old Testament

Zephaniah 3:15–17, 19–20

Read from Gloucestershire by Howard Miles.

The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.” “At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honour in every land where they have suffered shame. At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honour and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,” says the Lord.

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Epistle

Romans 8:34–35, 37–39

Read from Cornwall by Holly Mitchell.

Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honour at God’s right hand, pleading for us. Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Hymn

Before the Throne of God Above

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft (1841–1923) alt.

Music: Vikki Cook (b. 1960)

- 1 Before the Throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

- 2 When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me;
to look on Him and pardon me.

- 3 Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God;
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16–20

Read from Kampala, Uganda by Richmond Wandera.

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him—but some of them doubted! Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

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Address

Given from Bath by Clover Todman, Pastor of Widcombe Baptist Church

¶ The Marriage

The Vows

Guided by the minister, Nick and Liz make their vows.

The Giving of Rings

The minister says this prayer

Heavenly Father, source of everlasting love,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ and poured into our hearts through your Holy Spirit;
that love which many waters cannot quench, neither the floods drown;
that love which is patient and kind, enduring all things without end;
by your blessing, let these rings be to Elizabeth and Nicholas
symbols to remind them of the covenant made this day
through your grace in the love of your Son
and in the power of your Spirit.

All Amen.

Nick and Liz exchange rings.

The Proclamation

The minister proclaims Nick and Liz husband and wife.

The Blessing of the Marriage

The minister blesses the marriage, saying

All praise and blessing to you, God of love,
creator of the universe,
maker of man and woman in your likeness,
source of blessing for married life.

All praise to you, for you have created courtship and marriage, joy and gladness, feasting
and laughter, pleasure and delight.

May your blessing come in full upon Elizabeth and Nicholas.

May they know your presence
in their joys and in their sorrows.

May they reach old age in the company of friends
and come at last to your eternal kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The minister says to Liz and Nick

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.**

Registration of the Marriage

Anthem

So Will I (100 Billion X)

Text & Music: Joel Houston, Ben Hastings, and Michael Fatkin

Arranged and performed by Lenny Carnell and John Cordy

Prayers

The minister and others lead the congregation in prayer. Each prayer ends with

Lord of life and love:

All **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer. The minister says

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Text: William Williams (1717–1791); translated by Peter Williams (1722–1796) alt.

Music (CWM RHONDDA): John Hughes (1873–1932)

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,

pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty;

hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.

Bread of heaven,

Bread of heaven,

feed me now and evermore,

feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain

whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fiery cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliv'rer,

strong Deliv'rer,

be Thou still my strength and shield,

be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,

bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell's Destruction,

land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises,

songs of praises,

I will ever give to Thee,

I will ever give to Thee.

The Dismissal

The minister says

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

All **Amen.**

Recessional

He Will Hold Me Fast

Text: vv. 1–2 Ada Habershon (1861–1918), v. 3 Matt Merker

Music: Matt Merker; introduction from ‘Finlandia’ by Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

Performed by Lenny Carnell and John Cordy

Minister

Rev. Steve Harrison
Rector, Stroudwater Team of Churches

Prayers

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| Sue Aldred | Rev. Andrew Doyle |
| Darren Allwright | Rev. Dr Philip Krinks |
| Louise Bland | Rev. Graham Miles |
| Tanya Cordy | Hannah Thomson |
| Tim Cordy | Gayle White |

Music

Lenny Carnell
John Cordy

Liz's Attendants

Bridgit Kellett
Chrissy Nevill
Nikki Springer
Fran Stroud
Ben Vick

Nick's Attendants

Amelia Brackenbury-Read
Esther Rose
Adam Tankard
Emma Vliet
Trey Vliet

Flower Girls

Ivy Brackenbury-Read
Jasmine Brackenbury-Read

Ushers

Christopher Boalch
Daniel Burgin