

The Marriage of

Victoria & Andreas

16 August 2026 · Kungsholms kyrka, Stockholm

Officiant: Gunnel Hillås

Kantor (organist): Mats Eriksson

ORDER OF SERVICE

This booklet follows the ceremony step by step, so you can follow every part of it. The hymns are sung in Swedish — each hymn number is given here, so you can find it in the hymn book in your pew.

Might differ slightly in practice.

1 GRAND PIANO — ENTRANCE

Merry-Go-Round of Life

Joe Hisaishi · from *Howl's Moving Castle*

Played on the grand piano as the ceremony begins.

2 OPENING & ACT OF PRAISE

Priest In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Marvellous and wonderful are your works, Lord our God.

You have created man and woman to live in your love.

We give you thanks and praise for the unceasing renewal of our life.

The priest opens the service and gives thanks.

3 OPENING HYMN

199 · Den blomstertid nu kommer

“The time of flowering now comes” · first two verses

A much-loved Swedish summer hymn, sung at this time of year across the country. It gives thanks for the flowering of the earth in summer.

4 INTRODUCTION

The priest speaks of marriage — a gift of God, instituted for the help and happiness of all, for mutual support and faithfulness in joy and in sorrow.

5 BIBLE READING

Priest Matthew 19:4–6

Jesus on marriage: that two become one, and what God has joined, no one should separate.

1 Corinthians 13:4–7 — “The Praise of Love”

Read by Sophie Munier, mother of the bride

Paul’s description of what love is: patient and kind, and enduring above all else.

6 THE QUESTIONS

Priest Before God, and in the presence of your friends and family, I ask you, Andreas: will you take Victoria to be your wife, to love her in times of need and plenty?

Andreas I will.

Priest Before God, and in the presence of your friends and family, I ask you, Victoria: will you take Andreas to be your husband, to love him in times of need and plenty?

Victoria I will.

7 BLESSING OF THE RINGS

God, you are the creator and Lord of all things. Bless Andreas and Victoria in their marriage. Let this ring be to them a symbol of their promises of love and faithfulness, through your Son Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

8 THE VOWS & GIVING OF THE RINGS

Andreas, then Victoria, each say:

I will love you,
share joy and sorrow with you,

and be faithful to you,
as long as we live.

9 THE DECLARATION

In the presence of God and before your friends and family you have made your vows to one another. I therefore proclaim that you are husband and wife. May the Lord be with you and lead you in his truth now and always.

The moment Victoria and Andreas are married.

10 HYMN

289 · Guds kärlek är som stranden och som gräset

“God’s love is like the shore and the grass” · first two verses

A hymn about the freedom and space of God’s love, pictured as open shoreline and open grassland — room to live, and to be free.

11 THE INTERCESSION

Priest Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day, for its joy and hope. We pray for the marriage which Andreas and Victoria have begun today in your presence. Help them to create a warm and welcoming home, and to be forgiving to one another as day by day they receive blessing and strength from your hand.

All Amen.

12 THE LORD’S PRAYER

Said together by everyone. It is spoken in Swedish — the Swedish is given below the English, should you wish to join in.

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.

Vår Fader, du som är i himlen. Låt ditt namn bli helgat.

Låt ditt rike komma. Låt din vilja ske, på jorden så som i himlen.

Ge oss idag det bröd vi behöver.

Och förlåt oss våra skulder, liksom vi har förlåtit dem som står i skuld till oss.

Och utsätt oss inte för prövning, utan rädda oss från det onda.

Ditt är riket, din är makten och äran, i evighet. Amen.

13 CLOSING HYMN

297 · Härlig är jorden

“Fairest Lord Jesus” / “Dejlig er jorden” · all three verses

One of the best known hymns in the Nordic countries, sharing its melody with the Danish “Dejlig er jorden”. It sings of the beauty of the earth and of generations passing through it.

14 THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and watch over you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look kindly on you and give you peace.

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

15 GRAND PIANO — RECESSIONAL

Marry You

Bruno Mars

Victoria and Andreas leave the church as husband and wife.

With love and thanks to our families and friends