

## **Suggestions for readings at same-sex marriage and church blessing**

*It is suggested that reading(s) from the Bible be chosen in consultation between the pastor and the couple. The chosen text(s) may be read by the couple's family, friends or by the pastor.*

*It is also suggested that if a reading from the Old Testament is chosen, then a text from the New Testament should also be read.*

### **Readings from the New Testament**

Matthew 5: 13-16

*Salt of the earth and Light of the world*

Matthew 6:24-34

*Do not worry*

Mark 12:28-34

*The greatest commandment*

John 15:9-17

*The commandment to love*

Romans 12:9-18

*Life according to God's will*

1 Corinthians 13

*The hymn to love*

Galatians 3:26-28

*You are all one in Christ Jesus*

Galatians 6:2-5

*The law of Christ*

1 Thessalonians 5: 14-18

*Keep peace with each other*

1 John 4:7-11

*God's love and ours*

### **Readings from the Old Testament**

Ruth 1: 16-17a

*On faithfulness*

Psalm 8: 2-10

*What is a human being?*

Psalm 85: 9-12

*"...faithfulness and truth meet together"*

Psalm 100: 1b-5  
*The Lord's faithfulness*

Psalm 104: 24-33  
*How many are Your works, Lord!*

Song of Songs 8: 6-7  
*Love is as strong as death*

Ezekiel 36:26-28  
*From a heart of stone to a heart of flesh*