



THE CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

COVENANTING

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THE PRELUDE

THE VISION

Tune: Sounds of Silence

We heard the cry from the past, we heard the cry set forth at last;
Our ancestors plead to live our time,
The crimson line their only awesome sign.
Now all the earth cries out within our hearts: agony.
Comes the dawn of silence.

Beyond the wanderings of time, beyond the race of all Mankind;
I see living bodies torn and crushed,
Life emerging from the arid dust.
Now the face I see is dark beyond all hope: Mystery.
Comes the dawn of silence.

Pain and joy and hope unfold, pain and joy and hope untold;
We cannot contain ascending life,
Nor escape the chaos and the strife.
Now the wonder of our God is struggle and love: eternally.
Comes the dawn of silence.

Lightning moment blazing spark, lightning moment in our dark;
The birth and death of every star and tree,
The dread assault of spirit within me.
Then God confronts me with terror and with love: ecstasy.
Comes the dawn of silence.

Burning flame and life is born, burning flame and all is gone;
Trembling and afraid above the abyss,
Grasping now that only nothing exists.
Then I plumb the abyss, my life becomes new birth, ceaselessly.
Comes the dawn of silence.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for the Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, thou givest man both warmth and light!
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And thou, most kind and gentle death, waiting to hush our latest breath, O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God, and Christ our Lord the way hath trod,
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE PRELUDE

The Community gathers in silence rising at the second gong, as the Liturgists process, kneeling at the third gong, then rising and facing the East with the Liturgists.

L. In the name of the Father. And of the Son. And of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

the ascription

C. Amen.

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

At the peal, the Community faces the table.

L. Beloved in Christ. Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God. We have sinned and done wrong. And acted wickedly and rebelled. Turning aside from Thy commandments and ordinances.

the call

C. Lord have mercy upon us.

L. Christ have mercy upon us.

C. Lord have mercy upon us.

At the peal, the Community kneels.

L. Let us pray.

C. Most merciful Father. We have done little to forward Thy kingdom in this world. We have allowed self to blind us. And pains to embitter us. We have forgotten that whatsoever is done to the least of Thy children. Is done unto Thee. Pardon our shortcomings. Forgive our neglect. And give us a pure heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

the confession

L. Amen.

C. Amen.

The Community remains kneeling, as the Liturgists rise.

L. Beloved in Christ. God hath had mercy upon us. We are free to live. For we are a forgiven people. "If we walk in the light. As He is in the light. We have fellowship with one another. And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin"

the absolution

The Liturgists kneel.

L. Let us pray.

C. 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.

the Lord's prayer

L. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

C. Amen.

THE VERSICLE

At the peal, the Community rises facing the East.

L. O Lord open Thou our lips.

C. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

L. Praise ye the Lord.

C. The Lord's name be praised.

THE ACT OF THANKSGIVING

At the peal, the Community faces the table.

- L. O come let us sing unto the Lord.
C. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
L. For the Lord is a great God. And a great King above all gods.
C. **Left** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.
C. **Right** For He comes. For He comes to judge the earth.
C. **Left** He will judge the world with righteousness.
C. **Right** And the peoples with His truth.

the psalm

At the peal, the Community faces the East.

- L. Glory be to the Father. And to the Son. And to the Holy Ghost.
C. As it was in the beginning. Is now and ever shall be. World without end.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.

the gloria

At the peal, the Community faces the table.

- L. The Lord bless the reading of His holy Word.
C. And to His name be glory and praise.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.

At the peal, the Community is seated.

HERE SHALL THE OLD COVENANT LESSON BE READ

the old testament

At the peal, the Community rises facing the East.

- L. We praise Thee O God.
C. We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
L. All the earth doth worship Thee the Father everlasting.
C. **Left.** The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
C. **Right.** The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.
C. **Left.** The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.
C. **Right.** The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee.
L. Glory be to Thee O God.
C. Praise be to Thee O Christ.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.

the gradual

At the peal, the Community faces the table.

HERE SHALL THE NEW COVENANT LESSON BE READ

the new testament

At the peal, the Community faces the East.

- L. Be sure that the Lord He is God.
C. It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves.
L. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
C. **Left.** O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving. And into His courts with praise.
C. **Right.** Be thankful unto Him. And speak good of His name.
C. **Left.** For the Lord is gracious. His mercy is everlasting.
C. **Right.** And His truth endureth from generation to generation.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.

the gradual

At the peal, the Community faces the table.

- L. Let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts. Be acceptable in Thy sight.
C. O Lord our strength. And our redeemer.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.

At the peal, the Community is seated.

HERE SHALL THE APPOINTED WITNESS BE OFFERED

the witness

At the peal, the Community rises facing the table.

- L. Praise the Lord, all nations. Extol Him all peoples.
C. For great is His kindness toward us. And the faithfulness of the Lord is everlasting.
L. Hallelujah!
C. Amen!

At the peal, the Community faces the East.

- L. I believe in God the Father Almighty.
C. Maker of heaven and earth.
L. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord.
C. Left Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost.
C. Right Born of the Virgin Mary.
C. Left Suffered under Pontius Pilate.
C. Right Was crucified dead and buried.
C. Left He descended into Hell.
C. Right. The third day He arose again from the dead.
C. Left. He ascended into Heaven.
C. Right. And sitteth on the right hand.
C. Left Of God the Father Almighty.
C. Right From thence He shall come to judge.
C. Left. The quick and the dead.
L. I believe in the Holy Ghost.
C. Left. The Holy Catholic Church.
C. Right. The communion of saints.
C. Left The forgiveness of sins.
C. Right The resurrection of the body.
C. Left. And the life everlasting.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.

the creed

THE VERSICLE

At the peal, the Community faces the table.

- L. The Lord be with you.
C. And with thy spirit.
L. O Lord show Thy mercy upon us.
C. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.

THE ACT OF OFFERING

At the peal, the Community kneels.

- L. Beloved in Christ. Let us pray for the Church.
C. O Thou who didst raise the Lord, Jesus Christ from the dead. Enable Thy people to embody. The resurrected life. That they may faithfully discern Thy mighty deeds. And sacrificially give themselves for the sake of all men. In the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

HERE SHALL PETITIONARY PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH BE MADE

the petition

- L. Let us pray for the world.
C. Almighty God. We humbly beseech Thee to direct the course of this world. In accordance with Thy holy will. Prosper all councils which make for rightful peace. And guide and direct the leaders of the United Nations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HERE SHALL INTERCESSORY PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD BE MADE

the intercession

- L. Let us pray for those in tribulation.
- C. O Thou who seest all the suffering. Injustice and misery in the world. Have pity we implore Thee. On the work of Thy hands. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who suffer. And hasten the coming of the kingdom of justice and truth. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the peal, the Community rises facing the table.

Beloved in Christ. Let us present ourselves and our gifts before Almighty God. On behalf of all men everywhere. As an offering to the world.

the offering

- C. Both riches and honor come from Thee. And Thou rulest over all. In Thy hand is to make great. And to give strength to all.

At the peal, the Community is seated.

HERE SHALL THE OFFERING FOR THE POOR BE RECEIVED.

- L. And He humbled you. And let you hunger and fed you with manna. Which you did not know. Nor did your fathers know. That He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone.

the verses

I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me.

Let all that you do be done in love.

At the peal, the Community rises facing the table.

- L. Beloved in Christ. Let us offer up our gifts.
- C. Almighty God. Thou who dost give us all things. Receive now the gifts of Thy people. Help us to render unto Thee all that we have. And all that we are. That we may praise Thee with our whole lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- L. Amen.
- C. Amen.

the presentation

At the peal, the Community faces the East.

- L. Praise ye the Lord.
- C. Praise God. From whom all blessings flow. Praise Him. All creatures here below. Praise Him above. Ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father. Son and Holy Ghost.
- L. Amen.
- C. Amen.

the doxology

THE POSTLUDE

At the peal, the Community faces the table.

- L. Grace and peace be unto you.
- C. From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- L. Amen.
- C. Amen.

the peace

HERE SHALL THE PEACE BE PASSED TO THE COMMUNITY.

- L. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. And the love of God. And the fellowship of the Holy Ghost. Be with us all evermore. Amen.
- C. Amen.

the benediction

Community kneels in prayer while the liturgists recess, rising at the third peal and going forth into the world to actualize the service.

THE FORM OF SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY

For Clifford William Edwards and Evelyn Johnston Mathews

At the day and time appointed for Solemnization of Matrimony, the Persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church, with their friends and colleagues, and there standing together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say

Dearly Beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in Holy Matrimony, which is an honourable estate, instituted of God, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church, which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all people: and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any one can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let that person now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his or her peace.

And also speaking unto the Persons who are to be married, he shall say,

I require and charge you both, as you will answer at the dreadful day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why you may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, you do now confess it. For be well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

The Minister may demand sufficient surety of the lawfulness of the proposed indemnification, and then the Minister shall say to the Man,

Do you, William, take this Woman to be thy wedded Wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Do you promise to love her, comfort her, honour, obey, and keep her in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as you both shall live?

The Man shall answer,

I do.

Then the Minister shall say to the Woman,

Do you, Lyn, take this Man to be thy wedded Husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Do you promise to love him, comfort him, honour, obey, and keep him in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as you both shall live?

The Woman shall answer,

I do.

*The Man, the Woman and the attendants shall proceed with the Minister to the high altar.
Then the congregation shall stand.*

*Then shall they give their pledge to each other in this manner. The Minister shall cause the
Man with his right hand to take the right hand of the Woman and to declare this vow.*

I, William, take thee, Lyn to be my wedded 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 ordinance; and thereto I pledge thee my faith.

*Then shall they loose their hands; and the woman with her right hand taking the Man by his
right hand, shall likewise declare this vow.*

I, Lyn, take thee, William, to be my wedded 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 ordinance, and thereto I pledge thee my faith.

Then the Minister shall ask for the rings to be presented, and say

Bless, O Lord, these Rings, which we bless in your name, that they who give them and they who wear them may abide in thy peace, and continue in thy favour, unto their life's end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then the Minister shall deliver the ring to the man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the
Woman's left hand. And the Man holding the Ring there, shall say.*

With this Ring I thee wed, my body I thee give, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen

*Then the Minister shall deliver the ring to the Woman, to put it upon the fourth finger of the
Man's left hand. And the Woman holding the Ring there, shall say,*

With this Ring I thee wed, my body I thee give, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen

Then the Minister says,

Let us pray

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 and the Power and the Glory for ever and ever. Amen

Then shall the Minister say,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you bind husband and wife in a solemn covenant of love, as a witness of the bond and covenant established in Creation. Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole of your creation we raise our voices to proclaim the Glory of your Name.

Prayers are said for the world, the order, and the family. Then shall the Minister add.

O God, who has so consecrated the state of Matrimony that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity between Christ and his Church; look mercifully upon these thy servants, that they may love, honour, and obey each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Minister speak unto the People,

Forasmuch as William and Lyn have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their faith, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving Rings, and by joining hands; I pronounce that they are Husband and Wife, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen
Those whom God hath joined together, let no one put asunder.

Then the Minister shall say,

Let the family and wedding party come forward at this time to bless this new creation.

Then the Minister shall say,

Let the designated representatives of the Church, the Order, the Movement, and Fifth City come forward at this time to bless this new covenant.

The Minister shall add this Blessing,

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve and keep you, the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that you may so live together in this life that in the world to come you may have life everlasting. Amen.

The Minister shall say,

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God. And the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Congregation shall say,

Amen.

RECESSIONAL

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible, Hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, The Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, And silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains High soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains Of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, To both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, The true life of all;
Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free,
Eternal Thy goodness, For naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, Pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore Thee, All veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor Of light hideth Thee.