

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



THE CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE OF
LAURA GAYLE KOTTI & PATRICK JOSEPH WALSH

JULY 27, 2024 - 4:00PM

THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

VOLUNTARY

THE BRIDAL PARTY PROCESSION

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.*

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and in the hour of our death.

Music: Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

THE BRIDAL PROCESSION: Violin Concerto No. 6 in Bb Major (RV 361)

2. Largo

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

The Celebrant, facing the people and the persons to be married, with the woman to the right and the man to the left, addresses the congregation and says

Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union Laura Gayle Kotti and Patrick Joseph Walsh now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

Then the Celebrant says to the persons to be married

I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, you do now confess it.

THE DECLARATION OF CONSENT

The Celebrant says to the woman

Laura, will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

The Woman answers

I will.

The Celebrant says to the man

Patrick, will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

The Man answers

I will.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

People We will.

The Celebrant says

Who presents this woman to be married to this man?

The hymns are sung from the blue Hymnal 1982.

Hymn 618 "Ye watchers and ye holy ones"

Lasst uns erfreuen

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant then says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us male and female in your image: Look mercifully upon this man and this woman who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Song of Solomon 2.10-13, 8.6-7

My beloved speaks and says to me:

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for lo, the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;

for love is strong as death,
jealousy is cruel as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a most vehement flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.

If a man offered for love
all the wealth of his house,
it would be utterly scorned.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
 show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
 your saving health among all nations.
 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
 let all the peoples praise you.
 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
 for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
 let all the peoples praise you.
 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
 may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
 May God give us his blessing, *
 and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

ANTHEM

*Bist du bei mir, geh ich mit Freuden
 Zum Sterben und zu meiner Ruh.*

If you are with me, I will go gladly
 unto death and to my rest.

*Ach, wie vergnügt wär so mein Ende,
 Es drückten deine schönen Hände
 Mir die getreuen Augen zu.*

Ah, how pleasing were my end,
 if you dear hands
 shut my faithful eyes.

Music: Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel (1690-1749)
 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3.12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

Hymn 657 “Love divine, all loves excelling”

Hyfrydol

THE MARRIAGE

The Man, facing the woman and taking her right hand in his, says

In the Name of God, I, Patrick, take you, Laura, to be my 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, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

Then they loose their hands, and the Woman, still facing the man, takes his right hand in hers, and says

In the Name of God, I, Laura, take you, Patrick, to be my 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, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands.

The Celebrant asks God’s blessing on the rings

Bless, O Lord, these rings to be a sign of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Man places the ring on the ring-finger of the Woman’s hand and says

Laura, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Woman places the ring on the ring-finger of the Man’s hand and says

Patrick, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Then the Celebrant joins the right hands of husband and wife and says

Now that Laura and Patrick have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

The people respond

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

All standing, the Celebrant says

Let us pray together in the words our Savior taught us.

People and Celebrant

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.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon this man and this woman whom you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony. *Amen.*

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. *Amen.*

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life. *Amen.*

Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours. *Amen.*

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. *Amen.*

Bestow on them, if it is your will, the gift and heritage of children, and the grace to bring them up to know you, to love you, and to serve you. *Amen.*

Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others. *Amen.*

Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed. *Amen.*

Grant that the bonds of our common humanity, by which all your children are united one to another, and the living to the dead, may be so transformed by your grace, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign in perfect unity, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

The people remain standing. The husband and wife kneel, and the Celebrant says

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross to be the way of life. We thank you, also, for consecrating the union of man and woman in his Name. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this man and this woman. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The husband and wife still kneeling, the Celebrant adds this blessing

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The newly married couple then greet each other, after which greetings may be exchanged throughout the congregation.

PROCESSION: Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

ATTENDANTS

Rachel Meeusen
Matron of Honor

Caitlin Ranfft
Bridesmaid

Jessica Umbach
Bridesmaid

Ashlynn Brown
Junior Bridesmaid

Piper Meeusen
Flower Girl

Sabina Meeusen
Flower Girl

Marshall Walsh
Best Man

Burton Kotti
Groomsman

Martin Ranfft
Groomsman

Brody Meeusen
Junior Groomsman

Jacob Ranfft
Junior Groomsman

Jase Meeusen
Junior Groomsman

CELEBRANT

The Very Reverend Dane E. Boston

ORGANIST

Mr. William Douglas

SOLOISTS

Katie Gatch, soprano

Kathryn Neely, violin

William Melven, trumpet

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