

Prayer

The Revd John Thompson

First Bible Reading: Psalm 95:1-5

Ngozi Sam-Ocheho

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;

Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth' the heights of the hills
are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

Praise

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

The Charge

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We rejoice in the marriage of Ama and Ifiok and
we ask God to bless it.

Ama and Ifiok have been married according to the law of the land.

They have pledged their love and loyalty to each other.

Now, in faith, they come before God and this congregation to
acknowledge their covenant of marriage.

In Christian marriage, a man and a woman bind themselves to each
other in love, and become one, even as Christ is one with the
Church.

They are committed to love each other as Christ loved the Church
and gave himself for it.

Ama and Ifiok, you have already entered this way of life which God
has created and, in Christ, blessed.

Minister to the couple: You have heard how God has given and blessed the covenant of marriage. Now in the presence of God and this congregation, do you wish to affirm the promises of Christian marriage?

Response by the couple: With God's help, we do.

Minister: Today we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen you that you may fulfil God's purposes for the rest of your lives.

Giving and Receiving of Bibles

The Couple

The Declaration

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Ama and Ifiok are husband and wife. They have now pledged their love and loyalty for one another before God and this congregation.

Those who God has joined together, no one must separate.

The Blessing

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Blessed be God the Father who gives joy to the bridegroom and bride.

Blessed be the Lord Jesus Christ, who brings new life to the world.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit of God, who brings us together in love.

Blessed be the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God to be praised for ever. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

Prayers for the Couple

The Revd Mrs Margaret Esi
Owen Lloyd-Evans & Nia Gwyn Evans
Paul Odunewu

Second Bible Reading: 1 John 4: 7-12

Ukpong Bassey Eyo

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through
him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and
sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one
another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God
lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

The Address

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Thanksgiving and Praises

(led by Penrallt Baptist Church International Choir)

Final Words

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