



*Order of Service for the marriage of*

CAITHRIONA LOWRY &  
MATTHEW O'CALLAGHAN

4pm, Saturday  
31st August 2024

*St Etheldreda's Church | Ely Place, London*

*Officiant: Father Tom Thomas IC*

*Director of Music: Robert Patterson*

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Church.*

~ ALL STAND ~

**ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE**

*Jesu, Joy of Mans's Desiring*  
(Bach)

**GREETING**

*Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*

***All: Amen***

*Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

***All: And with your spirit.***

**WELCOME**

Father Tom Thomas IC

~ BE SEATED ~

**KYRIE AND GLORIA**

*Missa Brevis in F*  
(Haydn)

~ ALL STAND ~

**COLLECT**

*At the conclusion*  
***All: Amen***

~ BE SEATED ~

## **FIRST READING**

Genesis 2 : 18 - 24

Read by: Brendan Lowry

God said, 'It is not right that the man should be alone. I shall make him a helper.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild animals and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. Then man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild animals. But no helper suitable for the man was found for him. Then, the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And, while he was asleep, he took one of his ribs and closed the flesh up again forthwith. The Lord God fashioned the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. And the man said: 'This one at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh! She is to be called Woman, because she was taken from Man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife, and they become one flesh.

*Reader: The word of the Lord.*

***All: Thanks be to God.***

## **PSALM 117**

Sung by the choir

*Laudate Dominum*

*(Mozart)*

## **SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 13 : 1 - 13

Read by: Liam O'Callaghan

Ernestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. Though I command languages both human and angelic -- if I speak without love, I am no more than a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. And though I have the power of prophecy, to penetrate all mysteries and knowledge, and though I have all the faith necessary to move mountains -- if I am without love, I am nothing. Though I should give way to the poor all that I possess, and even give up my body to be burned -- if I am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is not boastful or conceited, it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage, it does not take offence or store up grievances. Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but finds its joy in the truth. It is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. Love never comes to an end.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

~ ALL STAND ~

## GOSPEL

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

***All: And with your spirit.***

*Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

***All: Glory to you, O Lord***

John 2 : 1 - 11

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. And they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the feast had all be used, and the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, what do you want from me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. Then he said to them, 'Draw some out now and take it to the president of the feast.' They did this; the president tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from -- though the servants who had drawn the water knew -- the president of the feast called the bridegroom and said, 'Everyone serves good wine first and the worse wine when the guests are well wined; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of Jesus' signs: it was at Cana in Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

*Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.*

***All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ***

~ BE SEATED ~

**HOMILY**

## THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

*During which there is the exchange of vows, the blessing and exchange of rings.*

~ ALL STAND ~

### INTERCESSIONS

Read by: James Lowry

We pray for Caithriona and Matthew as they begin their married life together. May their home be full of joy and laughter, may God give them good health and may they always find happiness in each other.

Lord, hear us.

***All: Lord, graciously hear us.***

By this marriage, two families have been united. May both families continue to be a source of love, support and guidance through Caithriona and Matthew's life.

Lord, hear us.

***All: Lord, graciously hear us.***

We pray for all here present that God may give you peace in your hearts for today, hope in your hearts for tomorrow and love in your hearts forever.

Lord, hear us.

***All: Lord, graciously hear us.***

As we gather to celebrate this joyful day, we remember the faithful departed whom we have loved. May they watch over us today and join with us in love.

Lord, hear us.

***All: Lord, graciously hear us.***

~ BE SEATED ~

## THE OFFERTORY

### THE PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

*Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.*

*All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Holy Church.*

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

At conclusion:

*All: Amen*

~ ALL STAND ~

### PREFACE TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

*All: And with your spirit.*

*Priest: Lift up your hearts.*

*All: We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*All: It is right and just.*

~ BE SEATED ~

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Missa Brevis in F  
(Haydn)*



**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Priest: The mystery of faith.*

***All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.***

~ ALL STAND ~

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

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**For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**THE NUPTIAL BLESSING**

At conclusion:

***All: Amen***

## **SIGN OF PEACE**

*Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always*

***All: And with your spirit.***

*Priest: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.*

Please exchange greetings with those around you.

~ BE SEATED ~

## **AGNUS DEI**

*Missa Brevis in F*

*(Haydn)*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.*

*Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb.*

***All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed***

Roman Catholics are invited to receive communion. Everyone is welcome to receive a blessing.

To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing, fold your arms across your chest as you approach.

## **COMMUNION MOTET**

*Panis Angelicus*

*(Franck)*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

~ ALL STAND ~

At conclusion:

***All: Amen***

**SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

*All: And with your spirit.*

At the conclusion of each prayer:

*All: Amen.*

*At conclusion:*

*All: Thanks be to God.*

~ BE SEATED ~

**THE SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE REGISTER**

*Cantique de Jean Racine, Op. 11*

*(Fauré)*

~ ALL STAND ~

**RECESSIONAL**

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

*(Vivaldi)*

MAID OF HONOUR

*Kathryn Styles*

BEST MAN

*Liam O'Callaghan*

READERS & USHERS

*Brendan Lowry*

*James Lowry*

WITNESSES

*Michael Lowry*

*Denis O'Callaghan*

*Thank you all so much for being here today. It means so much to us that you have travelled from near and far to witness our marriage and to celebrate with us.*

*We would like to thank all who have had a hand in getting us here,  
most of all our parents;*

*Stephanie, Michael, Gillian and Denis.*

*Thank you for always being examples of love, for your unfailing support and for teaching us how to be a family.*

Caithriona & Matthew

31.08.24