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SATURDAY 21ST OF OCTOBER 2023

AT 11:30 AM

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

TSIM SHA TSUI | HONG KONG

BRIDAL PROCESSION

Studio Ghibli Wedding Entrance, By KAIEN

THE WELCOME

The Revd Alex McCoy

We have come together in the presence of God,
to witness the marriage of Germain and Rowan,
to ask his blessing on them, and to share in their joy.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a guest
at a wedding in Cana of Galilee,
and through his Spirit he is with us now.

The Scriptures teach us that marriage is a gift of God
in creation and a means of his grace, holy mystery
in which man and woman become one flesh.

It is God's purpose that, as husband and wife
give themselves to each other in love throughout their lives,
they shall be united in that love
as Christ is united with his Church.

Marriage is given, that husband and wife may comfort and help
each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty,
in sorrow and in joy.

It is given, that with delight and tenderness they may know each
other in love, and through the joy of their bodily union,
may strengthen the union of their hearts and lives.

It is given, that they may have children and be blessed in caring for
them and bringing them up in accordance with God's will,
to his praise and glory.

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

BIBLE READING: 1 John 4:11-19

Read by Mr Andy Game

11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 19 We love because he first loved us.

SECOND READING

All I Know About Love by Neil Gaiman,
read by Dr Hawwa Shillingford-Murphy

SERMON

By Revd Alex McCoy

THE MARRIAGE

Exchange of vows
The giving of the Rings
Prayer and Declaration

HYMN

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my Light, my Strength, my Song
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This Gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
‘Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

Mr Leo McCarthy
Mrs Clare McCarthy

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

Music: The Rowan Tree, Lisa Knapp and Jim Barnes

BENEDICTION

By Revd Alex McCoy

PRESENTATION AND DEPARTURE

At Last, Etta James with Orchestra

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Our dear family and friends who have travelled far and wide to witness one of the happiest and most significant days of our lives.

We are so grateful for our relationships with you and will always remember your generosity and support for us.

Our minister Alex McCoy, for officiating our wedding, and Ms Nancy Chong. Both were patient and supportive despite our changing plans due to the pandemic.

With our deepest gratitude,

Germain and Rowan



MAID OF HONOUR
HAWWA SHILLINGFORD-MURPHY

BEST MAN
SHAY MCCARTHY

BRIDESMAIDS
CAITLIN MCCARTHY
SALLY NG

USHER
EUGENE LAM

FATHER OF THE BRIDE
LAM HANG SHING

MOTHER OF THE BRIDE
AZZA LAM

FATHER OF THE GROOM
LEO MCCARTHY

MOTHER OF THE GROOM
CLARE MCCARTHY