



The marriage of

*Eleanor
Moore
and
Josef
Herman*

2 o'clock | 13th April 2024

The Entrance of the Bride

Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The Welcome

The Revd Daniel Walker

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you
All: **and also with you.**

Opening Prayer

All: **God of wonder and of joy:
grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
Without you, we cannot please you;
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
that we may worship you now
with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray and praise Thee, without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Preface and Declaration

When the minister says to the congregation:

Will you, the families and friends of Eleanor and Josef, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

All respond: **We will.**

The Collect

God our Father,
from the beginning you have blessed creation with abundant life.

Pour out your blessings upon Eleanor and Josef, that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship, in holiness and commitment to each other.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The First Reading (read by Rebecca Herman)

My beloved speaks and says to me:

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

for now 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 turtle-dove
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,
passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.

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

If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

Song of Solomon 2: 10-13, 8: 6-7 (NRSV)

The Second Reading (read by Katya Herman)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2: 1-11 (NRSV)

The Address

The Revd Nathan Joss-Pothen

The Vows

The Giving of Rings

Heavenly Father, by your blessing let these rings be to Eleanor and Josef a symbol of unending love and faithfulness, to remind them of the vow and covenant which they have made this day through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Proclamation

The Blessing of the Marriage

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have created joy and gladness, pleasure and delight, love, peace and fellowship. Pour out the abundance of your blessing upon Eleanor and Josef in their new life together. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts and a crown upon their heads.

Bless them in their work and in their companionship; awake and asleep, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death.

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that banquet where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home.

We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The minister says to the couple:

God the Father,
God the Son,
God the Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve and keep you;
the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace,
that you may please him both in body and soul,
and, living together in faith and love,
may receive the blessings of eternal life.
All: **Amen.**

Registration of the Marriage

Sicut Cervus by Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

Text:

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

*(As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God. Psalm 42: 1)*

Prayers

Led by Anna Ripper and Ritika Cherian

Lord of life and love

All: **hear our prayer**

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Hymn

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside:
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Procession of the Wedding Party

'*La Rejouissance*' from Music for the Royal Fireworks
by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

**Please make your way to the West Door for
confetti-throwing, as directed by Shelley Sayger!**

Heartfelt Thanks To

Bridesmaids

Gabriella Smallwood

Robyn Lockyer

Holly Griffin

Best Men

Ophir Even

Jamie Lawson-May

Witnesses

Jill Moore

Susie Herman

Organist

James Bowstead

Conductor

Lottie Orr