

*The Blessing of the Marriage of*

*Christine Louise Jones and Ethan William Hollowell*

*Saturday, the twenty-sixth of June, two thousand twenty-one, at half past five o'clock in the afternoon*

*A wedding is a sacred service of the Church.*

*Please turn off your cellular phone before the service begins.*

*Please refrain from taking flash photography  
once the service has begun.*

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*Preludes*

Air	Johann Sebastian Bach
Rejouissance	George Frideric Handel
Queen of Sheba	George Frideric Handel
Air from "Water Music"	George Frideric Handel
Sheep May Safely Graze	Johann Sebastian Bach
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Johann Sebastian Bach
How Great Thou Art	<i>Swedish folk tune</i>
Jerusalem	Hubert Parry
You Are Mine	David Haas
Hallelujah	Leonard Cohen

*Processional*

*Please stand as the Procession begins.*

Canon in D                      Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

*The Greeting*

*The Celebrant, facing the people and the persons to be married, greets the assembled congregation.*

*Acclamation and Collect*

CELEBRANT    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE        *And blessed be God's kingdom,  
now and for ever. Amen.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Ministry of the Word*

CELEBRANT    The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE        *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created human-kind in your image: Look mercifully upon Chrissy and Ethan 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.*

First Lesson      Ruth 1:16–17

READER    The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE    *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 67        (in unison)

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

Second Lesson    Colossians 3:12–17

READER    The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE    *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel             Matthew 5:1–16

BEFORE THE GOSPEL

PRIEST    The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

PEOPLE    *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

AFTER THE GOSPEL

PRIEST    The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE    *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily      The Rector

*A brief period of silence follows the Homily.*

## *The Blessing of the Marriage*

*The couple stands before the Celebrant, who addresses them and says*

Chrissy and Ethan, you have come here today to seek the blessing of God and the Church upon your marriage. I require, therefore, that you promise, with the help of God, to fulfill the obligations which Christian Marriage demands.

*The Celebrant then addresses one member of the couple, then the other, saying*

Chrissy, you have taken Ethan to be your husband. Do you promise to love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, to be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

ANSWER      I do.

Ethan, you have taken Chrissy to be your wife. Do you promise to love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, to be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

ANSWER      I do.

*The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who have witnessed these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

PEOPLE      *We will.*

*The Priest may ask God's blessing on rings as follows*

Bless, O Lord, these rings to be signs of the vows by which Chrissy and Ethan have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The giver places the ring on the ring finger of the other's hand and says*

Chrissy/Ethan, 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 the couple and says*

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

PEOPLE      *Amen.*

## *The Prayers*

*The congregation stands and responds with "Amen" after each of the short petitions.*

READER      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 Chrissy and Ethan 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*

*The People remain standing. The couple kneels, and the Priest says the following prayer*

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 two people in his Name. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon Chrissy and Ethan. 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 couple still kneeling, the Priest 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

CELEBRANT      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE          *And also with you.*

## The Holy Communion

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.  
PEOPLE *And also with you.*  
CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.  
PEOPLE *We lift them to the Lord.*  
CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
PEOPLE *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant adds a proper preface then continues*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*The congregation kneels.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

CELEBRANT

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

*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 Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist. This is the Lord's table; it is the Lord who invites you. It is his wish that those who want him should meet him here. Please follow the ushers' direction for communion. If unable to come forward, please signal to an usher for the clergy to bring communion to you. Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to receive the host by putting hands forward, palms crossed and facing upward. Please note that receiving the bread alone is fully receiving communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, go to the station and simply cross your arms across your chest.*

Solo Ave Maria

Franz Schubert

## Postcommunion Prayer (in unison)

*O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious: We give you thanks for binding us together in these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that by your Holy Spirit, Chrissy and Ethan, now joined in Holy Matrimony, may become one in heart and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love you; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## The Blessing

RESPONSE Amen.

## The Dismissal

RESPONSE Thanks be to God.

## Recessional

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke (1673–1707)

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*Celebrant*

The Rev. James R. Harlan, *Rector*

*Musicians*

Dr. Stuart Forster, *Associate for Music and Liturgy*

Caroline Dorothy Jones, *Soloist*

Stradivarius Chamber Ensemble

*Parents of the Bride*

Mr. Paul Tudor Jones II and Mrs. Sonia Margaret Jones

*Parents of the Groom*

Mr. David Richard Hallowell and Mrs. Cynthia Ann Hallowell

*Witnesses*

Eric James Benca

Caroline Dorothy Jones

Dorothy Anne Jones

*Attendants*

Greta Kai Anderson

Elizabeth Grace Bennett

Zoe Sarina Castorina

Molly McCue Duff

Lillian Austin Fast

Meridith Margaret Hallowell

Jane White Hunicke

Hannah Jewett Kauffman

Jasmine Li

Amanda Ferreira Loyola

Brooke Rohrbach White

Ryan Montgomery Blumenstein

Drew Daniel Cosgarea

Tristan Sebastian Coles

Henry Maxwell Fox

Michael James Hill

Thomas Claes Johnson

John Paul Jones II

Douglas Walter Mahony

Andrew Thomas McCormack

David James Nolan

Dean Jason Serure

Thomas Scott Stephens

*Lectors*

Dorothy Anne Jones

Meridith Margaret Hallowell

Michelle Bennett

*Ushers*

Charles Martin Caravati IV

Robert Sidney Caravati

Thomas Ivy Caravati

Brett Michael Fraser

Garrett Arthur Kidd

Timothy Davis Luthin

Harrison Knight Schutt

Peter Drake Schutt

Robert Paul Schutt

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of*

John Paul Jones, Dorothy Nebhut Jones, Daniel Robert Hallowell,

Joan Lee Hallowell, Margaret Mary Auchstetter

