



THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

of

DEBORAH DIANE MABRY

and

TODD ALAN COLISTER

at

Lehmberg Chapel, Colorado Springs, Colorado,
Saturday, January 31, *A.D.* 2015

THE PROCESSIONAL

ENTRANCE MUSIC

THE SEATING OF THE PARENTS

THE PROCESSION OF THE BRIDE

MUSIC: PACHELBEL'S CANON IN D BY MICHAEL MARC

THE WELCOME

OPENING WORDS

Then the Celebrant, facing the people and the persons to be married, with the woman to the right and the man to the left, addresses the congregation and says

Celebrant Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony. God established the bond and covenant of marriage in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by His presence and first miracle of turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

The union of husband and wife in heart, mind and body is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which God instituted it.

Into this holy union **DEBORAH DIANE MABRY** and **TODD ALAN COLISTER** now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else forever hold your peace.

Then the Celebrant says to the persons to be married

I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, you do now confess it.

THE DECLARATION OF CONSENT

The Celebrant says to the woman

Celebrant Deborah, will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Deborah I will.

The Celebrant says to the man

Celebrant Todd, will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Todd I will.

Celebrant Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

People **We will.**

THE GIVING IN MARRIAGE

Celebrant Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

Allen I do.

THE WORD

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O gracious and ever-living God, not only have you created us male and female, but have also ordained that through the covenant of marriage the two shall also become one. Look mercifully upon this man and this woman 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 are about to 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.

People **Amen.**

THE READINGS

Song of Solomon: 2:10-13

¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me:
“Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away,
¹¹ or behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone.
¹² The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
¹³ The fig tree ripens its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:31-33.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 13:31-33

³¹ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY: ABBOT BOYD W. MORRIS+

THE EXCHANGE OF VOWS

The Man, facing the woman and taking her right hand in his, says

Todd In the Name of God, I, Todd, take you, Deborah, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to honor and protect, to love and to cherish. This is my solemn vow.

Then they loose their hands, and the Woman, still facing the man, takes his right hand in hers, and says

Deborah In the Name of God, I, Deborah, take you, Todd, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to honor and encourage, to love and to cherish. This is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands.

THE EXCHANGE OF RINGS

The wife extends her hand (and the husband extends his hand) toward the Priest, who says

Celebrant Bless, O Lord, these rings to be signs of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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

Todd Deborah, 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.

Deborah Todd, 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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Celebrant Now that Deborah and Todd have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Then the Celebrant joins the right hands of husband and wife and says

Those whom God has joined together let no one separate.

People **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the creation you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon this man and this woman whom you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Make their life together a sign of Christ's love that restores creation's brokenness, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Bestow on them the grace to extend hospitality to all whom You bring into their lives and into their home.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant that all who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

The people remain standing. The husband and wife kneel, and the Priest says one of the following prayers

Celebrant O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The husband and wife still kneeling, the Priest adds this blessing

Celebrant God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with His favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual blessing and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The newly married Bride and Groom then greet each other, after which greetings may be exchanged throughout the congregation.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The ceremony then continues with the Offertory, at which the newly married couple may present the offerings of bread and wine.

THE SURSUM CORDA – “LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS”

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 him thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the love of wife and husband, you have given us an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her bridegroom, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who loves her and gave himself for her, that he might make the whole creation new.

THE SANCTUS – “HOLY”

Celebrant 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:

All **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 ANAMNESIS – “REMEMBRANCE”

Celebrant We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, whom you sent to earth as the promised Seed of the Woman to destroy evil and restore all things ruined by evil. He is your Word through whom You created all things, sustain all things and rule all things. Therefore, after Satan and death, through sin, entered the world, You sent the Son of God from heaven into the womb of a virgin to do Your will as the Son of Man. By remaining obedient to death, even death on a cross, He exhausted evil, casting out the prince of the fallen world and drawing all to himself.

We remember that when He was about to surrender Himself to voluntary suffering in order to destroy sin and death, to break Satan’s chains, to tread Hades underfoot, to pour out His light upon the just, to establish the covenant and manifest resurrection...

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Celebrant ...on the very night He was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave You thanks. He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

And in the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks. He gave it to them, saying, 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

And so we declare the mystery of faith:

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

THE EPICLESIS – "INVOCATION"

Celebrant Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the Body of Christ in the world.

INTERCESSION

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

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. It is finished! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**
Celebrant These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
People **We come with gladness. Thanks be to God!**

The Celebrant will first serve Deborah and Todd, then the wedding party and then all assembled. Any who do not receive Communion may receive a blessing. Please signify this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Music During Communion:
I Am the Bread of Life by John Michael Talbot

After Communion, the people stand and the Celebrant prays the following

Celebrant 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, Deborah and Todd, 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.

THE RECESSIONAL

BENEDICTION

The Celebrant blesses the people and the new married couple.

Celebrant The compassing of God be upon you,
the compassing of God, of the God of life.

The compassing of Christ be upon you,
the compassing of the Christ of love.
The compassing of the Spirit be upon you,
the compassing of the Spirit of grace.
The compassing of the Sacred Three be upon you,
the compassing of the Sacred Three protect you,
the compassing of the Sacred Three preserve you.

People

Amen.

COMMISSIONING

The Celebrant sends forth Todd and Deborah Colister

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of *Christus Victor!*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant And now with great joy I present to you Todd and Deborah Colister.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Hymn: *Hallelujah* by Michael Marc