

The Music Before the Service

F. Schubert Piano Trio No. 2 in E-flat major, Op. 100 Andante con moto

J. S. Bach Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D major, BWV 1068 Air

GUESTS are seated. REVEREND stands at the ALTAR as music ends.

REVEREND:

I kindly ask that you silence your phones and refrain from taking photographs during the ceremony. We invite you to be fully present and attentive as witnesses to this solemn and joyful occasion. In your Program, the words **printed in bold** are those in which the congregation is invited to respond. We encourage you to join in those parts as you are able.

Thank you. I bid you all to rise for the entrance of the wedding party.

GUESTS stand.

The Procession of the Wedding Party

A. Vivaldi The Four Seasons “Winter,” II. Largo

ATTENDANTS enter in pairs:

JON and KIRSTIN proceed down the aisle. As they reach the altar, they separate. JON stands to the right of REVEREND and KIRSTIN stands to the left, leaving space for MEGAN.

MEGAN and KRISTEN proceed down the aisle. At the altar, they separate and MEGAN stands to the left of REVEREND, and KRISTEN stands to the right of JON.

ALEX and MARIN proceed down the aisle, with ALEX tossing rose petals. When they reach the altar, they take their seats in the front row marked as “RESERVED” (alternatively, MARIN and/or ALEX may join the standing party).

**Formation at the altar, from left to right:
KIRSTIN - MEGAN - space - REV. - space - JON – KRISTEN**

The Procession of the Grooms

H. Purcell Abdelazer Rondeau

BENJAMIN enters with GLENDA and JOE and proceeds down the aisle. BENJAMIN stands on the right side of REVEREND. GLENDA and JOE take their seats in the front row marked as "RESERVED".

JUSTIN enters with KELLY and TONY and proceeds down the aisle. JUSTIN stands on the left side of REVEREND. KELLY and TONY take their seats in the front row marked as "RESERVED".

**Final formation at the altar, from left to right:
KIRSTIN - MEGAN - JUSTIN - REV. - BEN - JON - KRISTEN**

REVEREND:
You may be seated.

The Welcome and Introduction

REVEREND (to ALL):

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this Congregation, to join together Benjamin Joseph Gardner and Justin Lee Cavender in Holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence, and first miracle that he wrought, in Cana of Galilee; and is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be enterprised, nor taken in hand, unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly, to satisfy men's carnal lusts and appetites, like brute beasts that have no understanding; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God; duly considering the causes for which Matrimony was ordained.

First, It was ordained for the establishing of a household, wherein children may be received and brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, to the praise of his holy Name.

Secondly, It was ordained for the keeping of faithful love, that those who desire holy companionship may live in chastity and honour, and be preserved in godly peace.

Thirdly, It was ordained for the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity.

Into which holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined.

Therefore if any man can shew any just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

REVEREND (to COUPLE):

I require and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgement, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that so many as are coupled together otherwise than God's Word doth allow are not joined together by God; neither is their Matrimony lawful.

Solemnization of the Marriage

REVEREND (to BENJAMIN):

Benjamin. Wilt thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

BENJAMIN:

I will.

REVEREND (to JUSTIN):

Justin. Wilt thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

JUSTIN:

I will.

BENJAMIN takes JUSTIN's right hand.

BENJAMIN (repeating after REVEREND):

I, Benjamin, take thee Justin, to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

The COUPLE loose hands. JUSTIN takes BENJAMIN's right hand.

JUSTIN (repeating after REVEREND):

I, Justin, take thee Benjamin, to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

The COUPLE loose hands.

REVEREND:

Bless, O Lord, these rings, and grant that he who gives them and he who shall wear them may remain faithful to each other, and abide in thy peace and favour, and live together in love until their lives' end. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENJAMIN takes the RING and places it upon the fourth finger of JUSTIN's left hand.

BENJAMIN (repeating after REVEREND):

With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee worship, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

JUSTIN takes the ring and places it upon the fourth finger of BENJAMIN's left hand.

JUSTIN (repeating after REVEREND):

With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee worship, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

JON and MEGAN retrieve the PILLOWS from behind the ALTAR and place them in front of the COUPLE. The COUPLE kneels on the PILLOWS.

REVEREND:

Let us pray.

O eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life: Send thy blessing upon these thy servants, Benjamin and Justin, whom we bless in thy Name; that, as Isaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, (whereof these rings given and received are tokens and pledges,) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

REVEREND joins the COUPLE's right hands together.

REVEREND (to COUPLE):

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

REVEREND (to ALL):

Forasmuch as Benjamin and Justin have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth either to other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving of rings, and by joining of hands; I pronounce that they be married, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

REVEREND (to COUPLE):

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. **Amen.**

The COUPLE loose hands and stand. JON and MEGAN retrieve the PILLOWS and place them behind the ALTAR.

The Hymn

REVEREND:

Jonathan will lead us in the singing of the Hymn.

JONATHAN steps forward.

JONATHAN:

Please turn to the Hymn, as printed in your Program on page 16.

ALL sing hymn:

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Verse 2

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!

JON returns to his spot and REVEREND resumes.

The Prayers

REVEREND:

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, save thy servants;
who put their trust in thee.

O Lord, send them help from thy holy place;
and evermore defend them.

Be unto them a tower of strength;
from the face of their enemy.

O Lord, hear our prayer;
and let our cry come unto thee.

REVEREND:

O God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless these thy servants, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts; that whatsoever in thy holy Word they shall profitably learn, they may in deed fulfil the same. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon them from heaven, and bless them. And as thou didst send thy blessing upon Abraham and Sarah, to their great comfort, so vouchsafe to send thy blessing upon these thy servants; that they obeying thy will, and always being in safety under thy protection, may abide in thy love unto their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, who by thy mighty power hast made all things of nothing; who also (after other things set in order) didst appoint, that out of thine own image and similitude mankind should take its beginning; and, knitting them together, didst teach that it should never be lawful to put asunder those whom thou by Matrimony hadst made one: O God, who hast consecrated the state of Matrimony to such an excellent mystery, that in it is signified

and represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church: Look mercifully upon these thy servants, that each may love and cherish the other, faithfully and tenderly, in all quietness, sobriety, and peace, according to thy Word, (as Christ did love his spouse the Church, who gave himself for it, loving and cherishing it even as his own flesh). O Lord, bless them both, and grant them to inherit thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who at the beginning did create our first parents, Adam and Eve, and did sanctify and join them together in marriage; Pour upon you the riches of his grace, sanctify and bless you, that ye may please him both in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto your lives' end. **Amen.**

The Gospel

READER stands and approaches the TABLE where the HOLY BIBLE is stationed and turns to the bookmarked page.

READER:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John. Jesus said to his disciples:

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you

The Gospel of the Lord.

READER closes the HOLY BIBLE and returns to their seat.

The Blessing

REVEREND:

Let us pray.

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Procession of the Grooms and Wedding Party

REVEREND:

Let us stand.

G. F. Handel Judas Maccabaeus "See, the Conquering Hero Comes!"

BENJAMIN and JUSTIN exit down the aisle. After a pause, the WEDDING PARTY exits in reverse order of the processional. TONY and KELLY exit down the aisle. Then, GLENDA and JOE. Then, MARIN and ALEX. Then, MEGAN and KRISTEN. Finally, JON and KIRSTIN.

Guest Exit

The music ends and the REVEREND speaks to GUESTS.

REVEREND:

You are invited to proceed to the lobby for music and refreshments before the reception.

W. A. Mozart II. Romanze (Andante) Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, K. 525