

## THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

McKenzie Martin & Wade Scofield

Saturday 5:30pm April 10, 2021

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Maid of Honor:

Ms. Macy Armstrong Best Man: Mr. Blake Scofield Bridesmaids: Ms. Sarah Bowers Ms. Madeline Himber Ms. Madeleine Holdford Ms. Kelsey Keny Ms. Maggie Solomon Groomsmen: Mr. Marshall Buck Mr. Carsten Martin Mr. Jay Menees Mr. Spencer Scofield Mr. Sean Wright Mr. Adam Zimmerman Flower Girls: Miss Annaliese Fuchs Miss Massey Grace Fuchs Miss Kylee Garrett Readers: Ms. Anna Hicks Ms. Maggie Jackson Ushers: Mr. Carsten Kelley Mr. Connor Kelley Mr. Eli Myrick Mr. Sam Myrick Parents of the Bride: Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Martin Ms. Allison Carsten Parents of the Groom: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scofield Grandparents of the Bride: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Martin Grandparents of the Groom: Mrs. Gaylann Hicks Mr. John Scofield

> In loving memory of: The Rev. and Mrs. Sydney Carsten Ms. Ariah Claybrone Mr. Everett Hicks Mrs. Suzanne Scofield

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The service is found in its entirety in this bulletin.

#### **ORGAN PRELUDES**

**PROCESSION OF THE BRIDAL PARTY** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Arioso in A

J.S. Bach

**BRIDAL PROCESSIONAL** 

Trumpet Voluntary

**Jeremiah Clarke** 

## THE WELCOME

The Very Reverend Barkley Thompson

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. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle 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, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union McKenzie Martin and Wade Scofield now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

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 Book of Common Prayer, page 424

McKenzie, 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? *I will*.

Wade, 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? *I will*.

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold McKenzie and Wade in their marriage?

Congregation responds We will.

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, 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 every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore 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 heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

**O** gracious and everliving God, you have created us male and female in your image: Look mercifully upon Wade and McKenzie 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.** 

Please be seated for the readings.

## THE WORD OF GOD

# A READING FROM THE SONG OF SOLOMON, THE 2ND CHAPTER, BEGINNING AT VERSE 10-13

**M**y 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 turtledove 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.

Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace; and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face, so that your way most holy on earth may soon be known, and unto every people your saving grace be shown. Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing; in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

For you will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness, and on the earth all nations will your just rule confess. Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing. Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessing send, and all the earth will worship to its remotest end.

## A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS, THE 3RD CHAPTER, BEGINNING AT VERSE 12

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

Please stand all who are able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 516

Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

## THE GOSPEL

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told the crowd, "Not everyone who says to me, `Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell-- and great was its fall!" Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

\*\*Matthew 7:21,24-29\*\*

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

## THE HOMILY

The Very Reverend Barkley Thompson

#### THE MARRIAGE

The Book of Common Prayer, page 427

In the Name of God, I, Wade, take you McKenzie, 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 love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

In the Name of God, I, McKenzie, take you Wade, 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 love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

The Priest asks God's blessing on the rings

Bless, O Lord, these rings to be signs of the vows by which McKenzie and Wade 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

McKenzie, 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.

Wade, 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 husband and wife and says

Now that McKenzie and Wade 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.

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

## THE PRAYERS

The Book of Common Prayer, page 428

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 McKenzie and Wade 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 OF THE MARRIAGE

The Book of Common Prayer, page 430

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, McKenzie and Wade, 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. **Amen.** 

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.

Please stand all who are able

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* And also with you.

The newly married couple then greets one another, after which greetings may be exchanged throughout the congregation.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY SOLO: HYMN** 

Come Thou Fount

Nettleton

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer, page 367

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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. 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

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

People and Celebrant

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.

#### THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All are invited to receive the body of Christ. We ask that you remain in your seat and masked. When the communion is brought to you, please kneel or stand to receive the wafer in your hand. After the communion server leaves your Covid unit, you may momentarily remove your mask to consume the body of Christ, then replace your mask. If you would like a blessing please cross your arms to indicate your desire.

## MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION DUET Psalm 23 Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SOLO Ave Maria Franz Schubert

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Please stand or kneel.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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, McKenzie and Wade, 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

## **DISMISSAL**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**VOLUNTARY** Wedding March F. Mendelssohn

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