

Order of Service

The service will be lead by Reverend Dr Patrick Richmond, chaplain of St. Catharine's College. Eleanor spent three years here as an undergraduate.

Procession

Music: Rondo from 'Abdelezar' by Henry Purcell.

Please stand for the entrance of the bride.

The Welcome

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.

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and
God lives in them.

Hymn: *Immortal Invisible*

St. Denio — Welsh Melody, John Roberts



1. Im mor - tal, In - vis - i - ble God on - ly
2. Un rest - ing, un - hast-ing, and si - lent as



wise, In light in - acc - ess - i - ble
light, Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou



hid from our eyes, Most bles - sed, most
rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice like



glo - rious, the An - cient of - Days, Al -
mount - ains high soar - ing a - bove Thy



migh - ty, vic - tor - ious, thy great name we praise.
clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.

3. To all life thou givest to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but nought changeth thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

WALTER CHALMERS SMITH

Preface

Introduction to the marriage service by the minister.

The Declarations

MINISTER First, I am required to ask anyone present who knows a reason why these persons may not lawfully marry, to declare it now.

The vows you are about to take are to be made in the presence of God, who is judge of all and knows all the secrets of our hearts; therefore if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

Tim, will you take Eleanor to be your wife? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

TIM I will.

MINISTER Eleanor, will you take Tim to be your husband? Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

ELEANOR I will.

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

ALL **We will.**

The Collect

The minister invites the people to pray, silence is kept and the minister says the Collect.

God our Father,
from the beginning
you have blessed creation with abundant life.
Pour out your blessings upon Tim and Eleanor,
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.

Readings

Extract from 'The Two Noble Kinsmen' by William Shakespeare, read by Alan Bell.

Roses, their sharp spines being gone,
Not royal in their smells alone,
But in their hue,
Maiden pinks, of odour faint,
Daisies smell-less, yet most quaint,
And sweet thyme true.

All dear Nature's children sweet,
Lie 'fore bride and bridegrooms' feet,

Blessing their sense;
Not an angel of the air,
Bird melodious, or bird fair,
Is absent here.

The crow, the sland'rous cuckoo, nor
The boding raven, nor chough hoar,
Nor chatt'ring pie,
May on our bridehouse perch or sing,
Or with them any discord bring,
But from it fly.

Both Bible extracts are read by Sarah Brown.

Ecclesiastes 4.9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up. Again, if two lie together, they are warm; but how can one be warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Here ends the first lesson.

John 15.9-17

Jesus said:

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may

be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”

Here ends the second lesson.

Sermon

The Marriage

Hymn: I vow to thee my Country

Thaxted — Gustav Holst

I - Vow to thee, my coun - try, all earth-ly things a -

4
bove, En - tire and whole and per - fect, the

7
ser-vice of my love: The - love that asks no

10
ques - tion the - love that stands the test, That -

13
lays up-on the alt - tar the dear-est and the

16
best; The - love that nev - er fal - ters, the

19
love that pays the price, the - love that makes un -

22
daun - ted the fin - al sac - ri - fice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
 Most dear to them that love her, most great to them
 that know;
 We may not count her armies, we may not see her
 King;
 Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
 And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds in-
 crease,
 And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her
 paths are peace.

CECIL SPRING-RICE

The Vows

MINISTER Tim and Eleanor, I now invite you to join hands and make your vows, in the presence of God and his people.

TIM I, Timothy Charles Clapp, take you, Eleanor Brenda Baines, 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, till death us do part; according to God's holy law. In the presence of God I make this vow.

ELEANOR I, Eleanor Brenda Baines, take you, Timothy Charles Clapp, 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, till death us do part; according to God's holy law. In the presence of God I make this vow.

The Giving of the Ring

Heavenly Father, by your blessing let this ring be to Tim and Eleanor 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.

TIM Eleanor, I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,

within the love of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

ELEANOR Tim, I receive this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Proclamation

In the presence of God, and before this congregation, Tim and Eleanor have given their consent and made their marriage vows to each other. They have declared their marriage by the joining of hands and by the giving and receiving of a ring. I therefore proclaim that they are husband and wife.

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

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 Tim and Eleanor 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.

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

Extracts from 'The Capriol Suite' by Peter Warlock will be played.

Prayers

Read by Bob (Barbara) Justham

Faithful God, holy and eternal, source of life and spring of love, we thank and praise you for bringing Tim and Eleanor to this day, and we pray for them.

Lord of life and love:

ALL Hear our prayer.

May their marriage be life-giving and life-long, enriched by your presence and strengthened by your grace; may they bring comfort and confidence to each other in faithfulness and trust. Lord of life and love:

ALL Hear our prayer.

May the hospitality of their home bring refreshment and joy to all around them; may their love overflow to neighbours in need and embrace those in distress.

Lord of life and love:

ALL Hear our prayer.

May they discern in your word order and purpose for their lives; and may the power of your Holy Spirit lead them in truth and defend them in adversity.

Lord of life and love:

ALL Hear our prayer.

May they nurture their family with devotion, see their children grow in body, mind and spirit and come at last to the end of their lives with hearts content and in joyful anticipation of heaven.

Lord of life and love:

ALL Hear our prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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: Tell out my soul

Woodlands — Walter Greatorex

1. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness - of my-
2. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness - of his
4 Lord: Un - num - bered bless-ings, give my
name: Make known his might, the deeds his
8 spi - rit voice: Ten - der to me the
arm has done: His mer - cy sure from
12 prom-ise of His word: In God my
age to age the same: His ho - ly
16 sav - iour let my heart re - joice
name the Lord the Migh - ty one.

3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The Hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the
Lord to children's children and for evermore.

BISHOP TIMOTHY DUDLEY-SMITH

The 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.

*Recessional Music: 'Toccata' from symphony No. 5 by Widor.
Organist: Alex Finch, director of music at St. Catharine's College*

Everyone is invited to have a drink and some canapés in Sherlock Court (or the SCR if the weather is bad).

The reception will be held at 6.45 for 7.00 in the Wordsworth Room, St. John's College. To get there, go out the front of St. Catharine's and turn left. Go straight on as the road changes its name (King's parade, Trinity Street, St. John's Street) and you will find St. John's on the left (about 10 minutes walk). If you get to the round church you've gone a little bit too far. The entrance to the Wordsworth Room is in the far left corner of the first courtyard inside the main entrance (First Court).

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