## The Wedding Ceremony

Prelude “Ave Verum”, Mozart
“Minuet in G”, Mozart
“Fifth Symphony”, Beethoven
“Andante Con Molto”, Beethoven

Seating of the Parents “Air” on the G String, Bach

Bridal Party “Water Music (Air)”, Handel

Bride’s Entrance “Canon in D”, Pachelbel

Opening Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”
Shanna Andrawis and Congregation

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me til I want no more
Feed me til I want no More

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer;
Be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s destruction
Land me safe on Canaan’s side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Greetings and Opening Prayer Celebrant

**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. 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; 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 it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union Arlene and Brent 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.

### The Declaration of Consent

**Celebrant**: Arlene, 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 we both shall live?

**Arlene:** I will.

**Celebrant:** Brent, 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; forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

**Brent:** 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.

**Celebrant:** Who gives this woman to be married to this man

**Father Giver:** I Do.

Solo “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”, Shanna Andrawis

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray. O gracious and ever living God, you have created us male and female in your image: 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 make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Genesis 2: 18-24
Dana Taitt, Cousin of the Groom

**A reading from the book of Genesis.**

18Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” 19So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” 24Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

### Psalm 127: 1-5

1Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. 2It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.” 3Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. 4Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one’s youth. 5Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13
Beikisha Theodore, Cousin of the Groom

**A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

1If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 9For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; 10but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 11When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. 12For now we see in a mirror, dimly but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Reading John 4: 7-16

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**People:** Glory To You, Lord Christ

**Celebrant:** 7A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” 8(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” 11The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” 13Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” 15The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” 16Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord

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

Homily The Rev. Cn. Dr. Howard K. Williams

## The Rites of Marriage

### Exchange of Vows

### Blessings and Exchange of Rings

**Groom:** In the Name of God, I, Brent, take you Arlene 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.

**Bride:** In the Name of God, I, Arlene take you, Brent, 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.

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

**Groom:** Arlene, 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 the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Bride:** Brent, 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.

**Celebrant:** Now that Arlene and Brent have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and giving and receiving of rings, I pronounce that they are now 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.

Lighting of the Unity Candle “Ave Marie”, Shanna Andrawis

The parents of Arlene and Brent are now invited to light their respective candles, after which both Arlene and Brent will light the Unity Candle together.

### Sand Ceremony

“Before each of you is a container of sand. Each represents the separate journey that you Arlene, Brent, Delano and AJ once were on, as well as your friends and families who once were apart. Arlene, Brent and Delano will be asked to blend their individual containers of sand together...representing the coming together of their friends and family, through their marriage as one. And as the sand is blended into one container, your solitary journeys will now be one of companionship, as you walk a single path together into your future.”

### Proclamation of Faith

Prayers of the People Cherilynn Griffiths, Sister of the Bride

For Arlene and Brent that The Lord who brought them to this happy day, will keep them forever in fidelity and love. Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For the parents of Arlene and Brent, for their friends and all who have helped them to become husband and wife. Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For the world and all its peoples that The Lord may bless them with his peace and the protection of his love. Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For our communities and families who welcome Christ into their lives that they may learn to receive him in the poor and suffering of this world. Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For God’s church, the bride of Christ, that it may be united in faith and love. Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For all who are victims of injustice and for those deprived of love and affection. Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For Arlene and Brent and for married couples everywhere that their lives will be an example to the world of unity, fidelity and love. Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For Arlene and Brent that their life together would be a sign of Christ’s love to this sinful and broken world, that Unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt and joy conquer despair. Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For Arlene and Brent, Lord, give them grace that when they hurt each other, that they can recognize and acknowledge their fault, and seek your forgiveness and each other’s. Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For those who mourn while we are rejoicing that in their suffering and loneliness, they may experience the strength of God’s support. Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For the faithful departed relatives of Arlene and Brent, we pray that God will one day unite us again in the joys of our eternal home. Lord Hear Our Prayer.

Gracious God, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, poured fourth blessings on the Wedding of Cana, look with kindness on Arlene and Brent as they begin their lives as one in the presence of your Church. May they cherish one another and be heartened by your love. Through them, may your church be blessed. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

### The Blessing of the Marriage

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 blessings 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 blessings and peace, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns with and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

### The Peace

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts “Panis Anglicus”, Franck
Presented by Sally George and Ingrid Mc Millan

### Eucharist Prayer

## Communion Rite

### The Lord’s Prayer

### Communion

The Lasso, joining of two Wedding Rosaries placed over the hands of Arlene and Brent as they kneel for Holy Communion

Communion Hymn “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”, Bach

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing

### 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, Arlene and Brent, now joined in Holy Matrimony may become one in heart and soul, love in fidelity and peace and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love you; for the sake of Jesus Christ Our Lord.

### Nuptial Blessings and Introduction of the Newly Wedded Couple

### Dismissal

Recessional “The Rejoicing”, Handel

Postlude “Mouret”, Rondeau