

a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada
Presider & Preacher: The Rev'd George Porter, D. Phil.

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1:30 P.M.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

Entrance Hymn: 'God Bless Us, Everyone'

**Come together one and all
In the giving Spirit
Gifts abound here great and small
Joyously we feel it.
Blessings sent us from above
Guide us on our way
We raise our voice
As we rejoice
Bow our head and pray
A miracle has just begun.
God bless us everyone!**

**To the voices no one hears,
We have come to find you.
With your laughter and your tears
Goodness, hope, and virtue
Father, Mother, Daughter, Son**

**Each a treasure be.
One candle's light
Dispels the night,
Now our eyes can see
Burning brighter than the sun.
God bless us everyone!
The miracle has just begun!
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*Songwriters: Basil Glen Ballard / Alan Anthony Silvestri; God Bless Us
Everyone lyrics © Walt Disney Music Company.*

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this Congregation, to join together this man and this woman 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. This holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence, and first miracle that he wrought, in Cana of Galilee; and is commended in holy Scripture to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered upon, nor taken In hand, unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God; duly considering the causes for which

Matrimony was ordained.

Matrimony was ordained for the hallowing of the union betwixt man and woman; for the procreation of children to be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord; and for the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, in both prosperity and adversity.

Into which holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. Therefore if any man can show any just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

I REQUIRE and charge you both in the Name of God, from whom no secrets are hid, that if either of you know any impediment, why you may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, you 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.

Brandon Ray Frank Beaudry, WILT thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together according to God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as you both shall live?

I will.

Ellen Patricia Kosney-Fletcher, WILT thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together according to 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 you both shall live?

I will.

A reading from the Song of Solomon 8:6-7

⁶ Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.

⁷ Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD
Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 4:9

The Value of a Friend

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

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Sermon ~ Pastor George

I Brandon take thee, Ellen, to be my wedded 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 do us part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

I Ellen take thee, Brandon, to be 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 do us part,

according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

SANCTIFY, O Lord, these rings that they may be to these thy servants tokens of their solemn vows and a pledge of pure and endless love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WITH this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee honour, and all my worldly goods with thee I share: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

As Brandon and Ellen receive communion, Francesca Wadas will sing 'Ave Maria'

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, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy Name; that they may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, (whereof these rings given and received are a token and pledge,) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

As the Documents are signed, we will sing 'O Holy Night'

O Holy Night

**O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night Divine.**

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,

**With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger;
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, to our weaknesses no stranger,
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend!**

**Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever,
His power and glory evermore proclaim.
His power and glory evermore proclaim.**

Placide Cappeau (1808–1877); trans: John Sullivan Dwight's.

FORASMUCH as Brandon and Ellen 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 a ring, and by joining of hands; I pronounce that they be man and wife together, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

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 you may live together faithfully in this world, and in the world to come you may inherit life everlasting. *Amen.*

PSALM 67:

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, / and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That thy way may be known upon earth, / thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; / yea, let all the people praise thee.

O LET the nations rejoice and be glad; / for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; / yea, let all the people praise thee.

THE earth hath brought forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us; / and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

The Lord be with you;

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, save thy servant, and thy handmaid;

Answer. **Who put their trust in thee.**

Minister. O Lord, send them help from thy holy place;

Answer. **And evermore defend them.**

Minister. Be unto them a tower of strength;

Answer. **From the face of their enemy.**

Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer;

Answer. **And let our cry come unto thee.**

The Collects: LORD God of our fathers, 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. Grant 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 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 they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness. O Lord, bless them both, and grant them to inherit thy everlasting kingdom; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family In heaven and earth is named: Sanctify and bless these thy servants; and grant that those whom thou by matrimony dost make one, may stedfastly keep the covenant betwixt them made, and ever remain in perfect love and peace together; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Carol: 'Joy to the World'

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:
let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as our sin is found,
far as our sin is found,
far as, far as our sin is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); alt.



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