

# THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE OF

# Anthony Pagel and Phillip Tiebel

Saturday, September 23, 2023 at eleven o'clock in the morning All Saints' Episcopal Church Beverly Hills, CA



PRELUDE: Suite Gothique: 1. Introduction - Choral Léon Boëlmann

PROCESSIONAL: Water Music allá Hornpipe G.F. Handel

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#### THE DECLARATION OF CONSENT

The people stand

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

People

We will.

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

GRACIOUS and everliving God, you have created humankind in your image: Look mercifully upon Anthony and Phillip, 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.** 

#### The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: Song of Solomon 2:10–13; 8:6–7

Andrea Ines

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.

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.

Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away.

Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 117: 'LAUDATE DOMINUM' FROM SOLEMN VESPERS

Mozart

## THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4:7-16 (READ IN GERMAN)KATRIN NEYER

BELOVED, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

# GOSPEL ANTHEM: "Nun bitten Wir den heiligen Geist," BuxWV 208

Dietrich Buxtehude

THE GOSPEL John 15:9–12

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have 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. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The people sit.

# THE MARRIAGE

EXCHANGE OF VOWS

BLESSING AND EXCHANGING OF RINGS

DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

The people stand.

#### PRAYERS FOR MARRIAGE

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 Anthony and Phillip, 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 officiant prays over the couple, bestowing God's blessing saying,

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross to be the way of life. We thank you, also, for consecrating the union of two people in his Name. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon Anthony and Phillip. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

#### THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The couple then greet each other, after which greetings may be exchanged across the congregation.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "AVE MARIA"

Anton Bruckner

The people stand.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP, p 372)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We 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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendour of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (S-130 located at front of the hymnal)

Franz Schubert

# THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D (BCP, p 373)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP, p 364)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (BCP, p 364)

FRACTION ANTHEM: (S-164, located at front of the hymnal) Franz Schubert

Invitation to Communion (BCP, p 365)

#### COMMUNION MUSIC:

"IF YE LOVE ME"
Thomas Tallis

SUITE GOTHIQUE: 3. PRIÈRE Á NOTRE-DAME

Léon Boëllmann

# POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (BCP, p 365)

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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, Anthony and Phillip, 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

RECESSIONAL: Suite Gothique: 2. Menuet gothique

Léon Boëllmann

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