

Covenantal Celebration of Holy Marriage

December 29 | 6:30 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Setting of Intention

*Hymn 89 Joyful, Joyful HYMN TO JOY

*Baptismal Covenant

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I DO.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I DO.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I DO.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's Holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I WILL.

Statement of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED; HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, AND WILL COME AGAIN TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC
CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS
OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE
EVERLASTING.

Solo

The Blessing
Terra Wortley, Soprano

Graham/Downes

Scripture

Mark 4:30-32

Again Jesus said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

Homily

Dr. Andy Stoker

*Reaffirmation of the Marriage Covenant

In the name of God, and with a thankful heart, I once again declare that

I, NAME, TAKE YOU, NAME, TO BE MY WIFE/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.

*Blessing of Marriages

*The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 643 When Love is Found GIFT OF LOVE
Verses 1-4

*Benediction

Postlude



Everyone is invited to a reception in Fiedler Atrium
immediately following the service.

Participating in worship:
Dr. Andy Stoker, Senior Minister
Alan Peterson, Organist
Terra & Kevin Wortley, song leaders