

THE CELEBRATION & BLESSING  
OF THE MARRIAGE OF  
CAYLA COCANOUR &  
ROB SHAPLEN



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

July 3, 2021  
2:30 PM

*Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Duwamish Tribe.*

*Welcome to Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral and this service of the Celebration and Blessing of the Marriage of Cayla Cocanour & Rob Shaplen. Thank you for joining us. We encourage you to participate fully—speaking the prayers intentionally, and engaging physically by sitting and standing as a form of “body prayer.”*



# THE ENTRANCE RITE

- PRELUDE**     *Simple Gifts*, (traditional Shaker tune)     arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)  
Prelude on a theme of Gustav Holst, *Thaxted*     arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951)  
*Rhosymedre*     Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*All stand, as able, for the entrance procession.*

- AT THE PROCESSION**     *The Prince of Denmark's March*     Jeremiah Clarke (c. 1674-1707)  
(Trumpet Voluntary)

- BIDDING PRAYER**     *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 423

*Officiant*     **D**EARLY BELOVED: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of Cayla Cocanour and Rob Shaplen in Holy Matrimony. The joining of two people in a life of mutual fidelity signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and so it is worthy of being honored among all people.

The union of two people 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 gift 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 Rob and Cayla now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, you do now confess it.

## DECLARATION OF CONSENT

*Officiant* Cayla, 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 you both shall live?

*Cayla* I will.

*Officiant* Rob, 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; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

*Rob* I will.

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

*People* **We will.**

## COLLECT

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**O** GRACIOUS and everliving God, you have created humankind in your image: Look mercifully upon Rob and Cayla 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## READING

*Colossians 3:12-15*

*read by Nate Cocanour*

**A**S GOD'S CHOSEN ONES, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE**

*Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6,7 ♦ read aloud by all*

**M**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.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

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.

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.” ♦

**READING***1 Corinthians 13:4-13**read by Leigh Shaplen*

**L**OVE is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love 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. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When 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. For 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. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross



# THE MARRIAGE RITE

*All remain seated; the couple comes before the people facing each other, and exchange vows.*

*After the exchange of vows, the Officiant blesses the rings, and gives them to the couple to exchange.*

*Cayla* Rob, 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.

*Rob* Cayla, 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.

*Officiant* Now that Cayla and Rob have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings, I pronounce that they are wed to one another, 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.

**All Amen.**



# THE PRAYERS

*All stand, as able.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*led by Sandy Cocanour*

*Intercessor* 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 Rob and Cayla whom you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony.

**All** Amen.

*Intercessor* 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.

**All** Amen.

*Intercessor* 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.

**All Amen.**

*Intercessor* Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours.

**All Amen.**

*Intercessor* 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.

**All Amen.**

*Intercessor* Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others.

**All Amen.**

*Intercessor* Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed.

**All Amen.**

*Intercessor* Grant that all who have gone before us may rest in your eternal embrace. In particular, we remember Margaret Jones, Sunda Gallagher, Eugene Gallagher, Eugene Gallagher Jr., Barbara Ellen Story, Robert Shaplen, and Martha Shaplen.

**All Amen.**

*Intercessor* 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.

**All Amen.**

# THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

*The people remain standing. The couple stand, facing the Officiant.*

*Officiant* **M**OST 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 Cayla and Rob. 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.

**All Amen.**

*Officiant* 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.

**All Amen.**

## THE PRONOUNCEMENT

## THE PEACE

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All greet each one another in the name of the Lord.*

**AT THE PROCESSION** *Fanfare*

William Matthias (1934-1992)



# MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

## OFFICIANT & PREACHER

The Reverend Cannon Nancy Ross

### MAID OF HONOR

Hannah Cocanour

### BEST MAN

Will Sink

### BRIDE'S ATTENDANTS

Annie Holm

Camille Bouteillon

Chloe Unger

Elena Hershey

Leigh Shaplen

Sarah Cocanour

### GROOM'S ATTENDANTS

Andy McGhie

Ben Story

Jack Story

Kyle Pitzen

Matthew Flaherty

Sam Feigeles

### READERS

Nate Cocanour

Leigh Shaplen

### SACRISTAN

Michael Seewer

### MUSICIAN

John Stuntebeck, *organist*

### INTERCESSOR

Sandy Cocanour

### HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

Janet Miller

Kathy Sodergren

### CRUCIFER

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