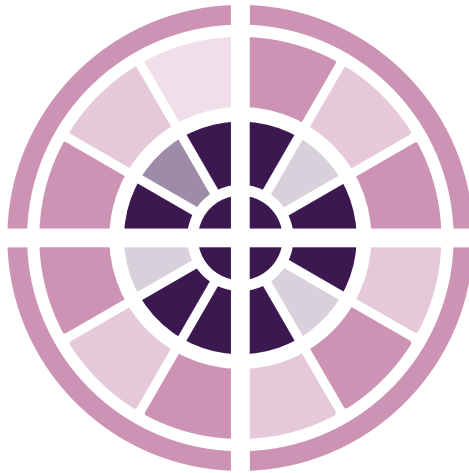


THE CELEBRATION & BLESSING
OF THE MARRIAGE OF

JOHN SIMMONS & SCOTT HULET



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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3:00 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 Scott Hulet & John Simmons. 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.”



COLLECT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider **A**LMIGHTY and everliving God: look tenderly upon Scott and John, who stand before you in the company of your Church. Let their life together bring them great joy. Grant them so to love selflessly and live humbly, that they may be to one another and to the world a witness and a sign of your never-failing love and care; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, to the ages of ages.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING *Ecclesiastes 4:9–12*

read by Sarah Bendickson

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

*The cantor will sing the antiphon, all repeat;
the cantor sings the verses, the people sing the antiphon where indicated.*



Cantate Domino

SING to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory. **ANTIPHON**

The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God. **ANTIPHON**

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song. **ANTIPHON**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein. **ANTIPHON**

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity. **ANTIPHON**

READING*1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13**read by Rebecca Hulet & Charissa Matthias*

I WILL show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And 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. If 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.

Love 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.**

After a brief silence, the Presider stands; all rise, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 12:28–34*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

ONE of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself;’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

REFLECTIONS

Chaplain Sean Jeung

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

THE WITNESSING OF THE VOWS & BLESSING OF THE COVENANT

All remain seated; the couple comes before the people, facing the Presider.

Presider John and Scott, you have come before God and the Church to exchange solemn vows with one another and to ask God's blessing.

Presider John, do you freely and unreservedly offer yourself to Scott?

John I do.

Presider Will you live together in faithfulness and holiness of life as long as you both shall live?

John I will, with God's help.

Presider Scott, do you freely and unreservedly offer yourself to John?

Scott I do.

Presider Will you live together in faithfulness and holiness of life as long as you both shall live?

Scott I will, with God's help.

The assembly stands, the couple faces the People, and the Presider addresses all, saying:

Presider Will all of you gathered to witness these vows do all in your power to uphold and honor this couple in the covenant they make?

***People* We will.**

Presider Will you pray for them, especially in times of trouble, and celebrate with them in times of joy?

***People* We will.**

Presider Then let us pray for Scott and John in their life together and for the concerns of this community.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by Lilli Donahoe

Intercessor For John and Scott, seeking your blessing, and the blessing of
your holy people;
Loving God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For a spirit of loving-kindness to shelter them all their days;
Loving God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For friends to support them and communities to enfold
them;
Loving God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For peace in their home and love in their family;
Loving God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the honesty to acknowledge when they hurt each other,
and the humility to seek each other's forgiveness and yours;
Loving God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the outpouring of your love through their work and
witness;
Loving God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the strength to keep the vows each of us has made;
Loving God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who lead and serve in communities of faith;
Loving God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who seek justice, peace, and concord among nations;

Loving God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who are sick or suffering, homeless or poor;

Loving God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For victims of violence and those who inflict it;

Loving God,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For communion with all who have died, especially those whom we remember this day: Clayton & Mary Simmons and Rod & Dottie Hulet;

Loving God,

All Hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding collect; all respond: Amen.

HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness ♦ sung by all

TUNE: *Slane*



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind - lin - ess, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pre - sence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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THE MARRIAGE RITE

*Please be seated; the couple stands and faces the Presider,
who invites them to exchange their vows.*

Scott In the name of God,
I, Scott, give myself to you,
John, and take you to myself.
I will support and care for you:
in times of sickness, in times of health.
I will hold and cherish you:
in times of plenty, in times of want.
I will honor and love you:
in times of anguish, in times of joy,
forsaking all others, as long as we both shall live.
This is my solemn vow.

John In the name of God,
I, John, give myself to you,
Scott, and take you to myself.
I will support and care for you:
in times of sickness, in times of health.
I will hold and cherish you:
in times of plenty, in times of want.
I will honor and love you:
in times of anguish, in times of joy,
forsaking all others, as long as we both shall live.
This is my solemn vow.

The Presider blesses the rings, and gives them to the couple to exchange.

John Scott, 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 God.

Scott John, 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 God.

Presider By the rings which they have worn, faithful God, John and Scott have
shown to one another and the world their love and faithfulness. Bless
now these rings, that from this day forward they may be signs of the
vows Scott and John have exchanged in your presence and in the
communion of your Church, through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

At the invitation of the Presider, all stand, as able.

THE PRONOUNCEMENT

Presider Now that Scott and John have exchanged vows of love and fidelity in
the presence of God and the Church, I pronounce that they are married
and bound to one another as long as they both shall live.

All Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE COUPLE

The couple kneels; the Presider invokes God's blessing upon them.

Presider **M**OST GRACIOUS GOD, we praise you for the tender mercy and unflinching care revealed to us in Jesus the Christ and for the great joy and comfort bestowed upon us in the gift of human love. We give you thanks for John and Scott, and the covenant of faithfulness they have made. Pour out the abundance of your Holy Spirit upon them. Keep them in your steadfast love; protect them from all danger; fill them with your wisdom and peace; lead them in holy service to each other and the world.

God, the holy and undivided Trinity, bless, preserve, and keep you, and mercifully grant you rich and boundless grace, that you may please God in body and soul. God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and bring you at last to the delight of the heavenly banquet, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All exchange a sign of peace, respecting others' desires for distance to be maintained.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN *Love divine, all loves excelling*

TUNE: *Hyfrydol*



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
2. Come, a - lmight - y to de - li - ver, let us all thy life re - ceive;
3. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, ne - ver - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art
Thee we would be al - way bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vi - sit us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trembl - ing heart.
pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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All stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the giving of two people to each other in faithful love, you reveal the joy and abundant life you share with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After Supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Presider By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

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.**

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

All stand, as able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All God our strength and joy,
we thank you for the communion of our life together,
for the example of holy love that you give us in Scott and John,
and for the Sacrament of the Body and Blood
of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that it may renew our hope
and nourish us for the work you set before us
to witness to the presence of Christ in the world,
through the power of your Spirit,
and to the glory of your Name. Amen.

BLESSING *The Presider blesses the Assembly; all respond: Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing, as able, for the procession of the ministers and wedding party.

AT THE PROCESSION *Hornpipe from Water Music*

G.F. Handel (1685–1759)



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Chaplain Sean Jeung

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Candie & Peter Ittner

JOHN'S ATTENDANTS

Jim & Beth Donahoe

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Rebecca Hulet

Charissa Matthias

INTERCESSOR

Lilli Donahoe

SACRISTAN

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Silas Bendickson

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