



The Marriage of

Daniel and Katherine

St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Saturday 5th April 2014

2.30pm

Order of Service

Welcome

Thank you for being part of our special day. We would love to have a record of all those who came to support us, so if you are not coming to the evening reception please fill in one of the *Guest Cards* that are in the pews. Leave the filled-in cards in the pews and the ushers will collect them after the service. Those who are coming to the evening reception will have the opportunity to fill in the Guest Book later.

During the service we have an official photographer, so please do not take any photos yourselves. After the voluntary at the end of the service, please follow us out onto the Cloister Garth where we would like a photograph with everybody. Following this we'll have photographs in smaller groups so please listen to the instructions from the best man and ushers.

Confetti is not allowed on the Cathedral premises; nor is it allowed at the Athenaeum, so if you have brought some please save it for the next occasion.

Daniel & Katherine

Many thanks to those taking part in the service:

Canon Matthew Vernon, the Sub Dean and Canon Pastor, for leading the Marriage.

The Very Reverend Dr Frances Ward, the Dean, for giving the Welcome and Blessing.

Canon Philip Banks, the Canon Precentor, for Preaching.

Canon David Crawley, the Cathedral Chaplain, for leading the Prayers.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir, directed by James Thomas.

All our friends who are making up the 'Wedding Choir'.

Philip White-Jones, for playing the organ.

The Entrance of the Bride

All stand.

Prelude from *Te Deum* *Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643–1704)*
Arranged for Organ by Bryan Hesford (1930–1996)

The Welcome

The Dean greets everyone informally, then leads the following.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All **and also with you.**

God is love, and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

All **God of wonder and of joy:
grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
Without you, we cannot please you;
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
that we may worship you now
with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn

All remain standing to sing



Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
True lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)

tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890)

DOWN AMPNEY

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Descant by James Thomas (b. 1963)

Preface

All remain standing. The Canon Pastor reads

We have come together in the presence of God, to witness the marriage of Daniel and Katherine, to ask his blessing on them, and to share in their joy. Our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a guest at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and through his Spirit he is with us now.

The Bible teaches us that marriage is a gift of God in creation and a means of his grace, a holy mystery in which man and woman become one flesh. It is God's purpose that, as husband and wife give themselves to each other in love throughout their lives, they shall be united in that love as Christ is united with his Church.

Marriage is given, that husband and wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty, in sorrow and in joy. It is given, that with delight and tenderness they may know each other in love, and, through the joy of their bodily union, may strengthen the union of their hearts and lives. It is given as the foundation of family life in which children may be born and nurtured in accordance with God's will, to his praise and glory.

In marriage husband and wife belong to one another, and they begin a new life together in the community. It is a way of life that all should honour; and it must not be undertaken carelessly, lightly, or selfishly, but reverently, responsibly, and after serious thought.

This is the way of life, created and hallowed by God, that Daniel and Katherine are now to begin. They will each give their consent to the other; they will join hands and exchange solemn vows, and in token of this they will give and receive a ring.

Therefore, on this their wedding day we pray with them, that, strengthened and guided by God, they may fulfil his purpose for the whole of their earthly life together.

The Declarations

The Canon Pastor says to the congregation

First, I am required to ask anyone present who knows a reason why these persons may not lawfully marry, to declare it now.

The Canon Pastor says to the couple

The vows you are about to take are to be made in the presence of God,
who is judge of all and knows all the secrets of our hearts;
therefore if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry,
you must declare it now.

The Canon Pastor says to the bridegroom

Daniel James, will you take Katherine Sarah to be your wife?
Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her,
and, forsaking all others,
be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

He answers

I will.

The Canon Pastor says to the bride

Katherine Sarah, will you take Daniel James to be your husband?
Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him,
and, forsaking all others,
be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

She answers

I will.

The Canon Pastor says to the congregation

Will you, the families and friends of Daniel and Katherine, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

All

We will.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept, then the Canon Pastor says the Collect.

God our Father,
from the beginning
you have blessed creation with abundant life.
Pour out your blessings upon Daniel and Katherine,
that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship,
in holiness and commitment to each other.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

The First Reading

All sit. Robert Soper, the father of the bridegroom, reads

My 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 turtle-dove
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.

Song of Solomon 2: 10–13, 8: 6–7

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All

Anthem

The Cathedral Choir, combined with the 'Wedding Choir', sings

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of
the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love
thee.

Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Psalm 122: 1–3, 7, 9

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)

The Second Reading

Janet Beddus, the mother of the bride, reads

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.

1 Corinthians 13

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Sermon is given by the Canon Precentor.

The Marriage

Hymn

All stand to sing



The love of God comes close
where stands an open door
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor:
the love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.

The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn:
the peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.

The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears:
the joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.

The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised or bent:
the grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.

*John L. Bell (b. 1949)
and Graham Maule (b. 1958)*

*LOVE UNKNOWN
John Ireland (1879–1962)*

The Vows

The Canon Pastor asks

Who brings this woman to be married to this man?

The bride's father gives the bride's right hand to the Canon Pastor who puts it in the bridegroom's right hand. The bride and bridegroom face each other.

I, Daniel James, take you, Katherine Sarah,
to be my 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 us do part;
according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow.

They loose hands.

The bride takes the bridegroom's right hand in hers, and says

I, Katherine Sarah, take you, Daniel James,
to be my 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 us do part;
according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow.

They loose hands.

The Giving of a Ring

The Canon Pastor receives the ring, and says

Heavenly Father, by your blessing
let this ring be to Daniel and Katherine
a symbol of unending love and faithfulness,
to remind them of the vow and covenant
which they have made this day
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

*The bridegroom places the ring on the fourth finger of the bride's left hand
and, holding it there, says*

Katherine, I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The bride says

Daniel, I receive this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

They loose hands.

The Proclamation

The Canon Pastor addresses the people.

In the presence of God, and before this congregation,
Daniel and Katherine have given their consent
and made their marriage vows to each other.
They have declared their marriage by the joining of hands
and by the giving and receiving of rings.
I therefore proclaim that they are husband and wife.

The Canon Pastor joins their right hands together and says

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

The Blessing of the Marriage

The congregation remains standing. The husband and wife kneel.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
for you have created joy and gladness,
pleasure and delight, love, peace and fellowship.
Pour out the abundance of your blessing
upon Katherine and Daniel in their new life together.
Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts
and a crown upon their heads.
Bless them in their work and in their companionship;
awake and asleep,
in joy and in sorrow,
in life and in death.
Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that banquet
where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home.
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

The Canon Pastor says to the couple

God the Father,
God the Son,
God the Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve and keep you;
the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace,
that you may please him both in body and soul,
and, living together in faith and love,
may receive the blessings of eternal life.

The couple Amen.

Registration of the Marriage

All sit. During the signing of the Registers, the Cathedral Choir sings two anthems.

As Cana's quiet, wondrous guest
Drew richest wine from water bless'd;
Through trembling vow and thankful song
May glory shine, as hearts respond
To Heaven's theme with love,
Earth's antiphon.

Thomas Allain (b. 1969)

Richard Allain (b. 1965)

My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair
one, and come away.
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds
is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the
tender grape give a good smell.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon 2: 10–13

Patrick Hadley (1899–1973)

Prayers

All kneel. The Cathedral Chaplain says

Almighty God, look graciously on the world which you have
made

and for which your Son gave his life.

Bless all whom you make one flesh in marriage.

May their life together be a sign of your love to this broken
world,

so that unity may overcome estrangement,

forgiveness heal guilt, and joy overcome despair.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

May Katherine and Daniel so live together

that the strength of their love may reflect your love

and enrich our common life.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

May they be gentle and patient, ready to trust each other,

and, when they fail, willing to recognize and acknowledge their
fault

and to give and receive forgiveness.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

May Katherine and Daniel be blessed with the gift of children.

Fill them with wisdom and love as they care for their family.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

May the lonely, the bereaved, and all who suffer want or anxiety,
be defended by you, O Lord.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

May those whose lives are today brought together
be given wisdom, patience and courage
to serve one another in Christ's name.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

May friends and family gathered here,
and those separated by distance,
be strengthened and blessed this day.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

We praise you, merciful God,
for those who have died in the faith of Christ.
May we be strengthened by their example.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

All **Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Hymn

All stand to sing



This day is blessed by God's sweet joy which comes from
heaven above
and fills our lives, each passing hour—the gift of life and love.
No doubt or pain can conquer the power His Spirit brings
to those who offer all to him in Christ the King of kings.
Such love binds hearts together, in vows that set us free:
our lives we give and lose through time—to find eternity.
And so we sing and pray for those whose vows are made
today:
to love and care through good and ill—as shown by Christ
the Way.
His truth brings light in darkness; His life unites us all:
the marriage feast invites the world to share in Jesus' call.
This love we know and see each day in every round and task:
God's peace and life in Jesus Christ is all we need to ask.
Then come what may, our lives are safe, protected by God's
Word.
In Jesus Christ he speaks to us—our every need is heard.
Our human love is holy when touched by Spirit's flame;
it leads us into trust and hope, and takes away all blame.
This love will never fail us; it holds us to the end—
and brings us to our heavenly home in Christ our Lord and
friend.

Neil Thompson (b. 1948)

THAXTED
Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

The Dismissal

The Dean says

The Lord bless you and keep you:

All **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you:

All **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace:

All **Amen.**

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
the holy and undivided Trinity,
guard you, save you,
and bring you to that heavenly city,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Procession of the Bride and Bridegroom

Grand Choeur in D (op 18, no 1) *Alexandre Guilmant* (1837–1911)

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