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St. Barnabas Church
Jericho, Oxford



The Marriage of
Charlie
and
Peter



Saturday 30th July 2005
at 2.30pm

All: Hear our prayer.

Priest: May the hospitality of their home bring refreshment and joy to all around them; may their love overflow to neighbours in need and embrace those in distress. In gentleness let them be tender with each other's dreams and healing of each other's wounds. Lord, in thy mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Priest: May they nurture their family with devotion, see their children grow in body, mind and spirit and come at last to the end of their lives with hearts content and in joyful anticipation of heaven. Lord, in thy mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Priest: May friends and family gathered here, and those separated by distance, be strengthened and blessed this day. Lord, in thy mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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.

Anthem: *Blessed be the God and Father*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

The Dismissal

Priest: God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The Recessional

March from *Scipio*, Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Order of Service

Father Michael Wright • Reverend John Dudley

Organist: David Old • Conductor: Christopher Cipkin

The Processional

Anthem: *I Was Glad*, Sir Charles H.H. Parry (1848-1918)

INTRODUCTION

The Welcome

Priest: 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.

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

1 John 4.16

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

Make me a Channel of your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace
where there is hatred let me bring your love
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
and where there's doubt, true faith in you
*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy
Oh, Master, grant that I may never...

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive;
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.
Oh, Master, grant that I may never...

Preface

The Declarations

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

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.

Priest: Peter, will you take Charlie 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?

Peter: I will.

Priest: Charlie, will you take Peter 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?

Charlie: I will.

Priest: Will you, the families and friends of Peter and Charlie, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

All: We will.

The Collect

Priest: God our Father, from the beginning you have blessed creation with abundant life. Pour out your blessings upon Peter and Charlie, 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.

Reading

Song of Solomon 8, verses 6-7: "Love is as strong as death", read by Joan Arbuthnott.

Address

Revd John Dudley.

HYMN

One More Step Along the World I Go

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:
And it's from the old ...

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:
And it's from the old...

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old...

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old...

THE MARRIAGE

The Vows

The Giving of Rings

Priest: Heavenly Father, source of everlasting love, revealed to us in Jesus Christ and poured into our hearts through your Holy Spirit; that love which many waters cannot quench, neither the floods drown; that love which is patient and kind, enduring all things without end; by your blessing, let these rings be to Peter and Charlie symbols to remind them of the covenant made this day through your grace in the love of your Son and in the power of your Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Proclamation

The Blessing of the Marriage

Priest: For as much as Peter and Charlie have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth either to other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving of Rings, and by joining of hands; I pronounce that they be Man and Wife together, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

All: Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you; and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting.

All: Amen.

The Registration of the Marriage

Anthem: *Cantique de Jean Racine*, Gabriel Fauré
(1845-1924)

Prayers

Priest: May Peter and Charlie know your presence in their joys and in their sorrows. May they reach old age in the company of friends and come at last to your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: Faithful God, holy and eternal, source of life and spring of love, 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 thy mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Priest: Give them wisdom and devotion in ordering their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counsellor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy. Let peace spring from their faithfulness to each other and flow deeper with the passing years. Lord, in thy mercy: