

MARRIAGE

of

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE PRINCE ANDREW

with

MISS SARAH FERGUSON

in

Westminster Abbey

on

Wednesday, 23rd July, 1986

at

11.30 a.m.

THE PROCESSION OF THE BRIDE

On the arrival of the Bride a Fanfare shall be sounded and Elgar's Imperial March shall be played on the Organ.

Then shall the following hymn be sung.

PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen
How thy heart's wishes have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for ay we adore him.

THE FORM OF SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY

At the day and time appointed for solemnization of Matrimony, the persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church with their friends and neighbours: and there standing together, the Man on the right hand and the Woman on the left, THE DEAN shall say,

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God and in the face of this congregation, to join together this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God himself, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence, and first miracle that he wrought, in Cana of Galilee, and is commended in Holy Writ to be honourable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be enterprised, nor taken in hand, unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly; but reverently, discreetly, soberly, and in the fear of God, duly considering the causes for which Matrimony was ordained.

First, It was ordained for the increase of mankind according to the will of God, and that children might be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praise of his holy name.

Secondly, It was ordained in order that the natural instincts and affections, implanted by God, should be hallowed and directed aright; that those who are called of God to this holy estate, should continue therein, in pureness of living.

Thirdly, It was ordained for the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity.

Into which holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined.

Therefore if any man can shew any just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

Then, speaking unto the persons that shall be married, THE ARCH-BISHOP OF CANTERBURY shall say,

I REQUIRE and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgement when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that so many as are coupled together otherwise than God's word doth allow are not joined together by God; neither is their Matrimony lawful.

If no impediment be allowed, then shall the Archbishop say unto the Man,

ANDREW ALBERT CHRISTIAN EDWARD, wilt thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The Man shall answer,

I will.

Then shall the Archbishop say unto the Woman,

SARAH MARGARET, wilt thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, and serve him, love, honour, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The Woman shall answer,

I will.

Then shall the Archbishop say,

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

Then shall they give their troth to each other in this manner. The Archbishop, receiving the Woman at her father's hands, shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and to say after him as followeth.

I ANDREW ALBERT CHRISTIAN EDWARD take thee SARAH MARGARET to my wedded 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 ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they loose their hands; and the Woman, with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Archbishop,

I SARAH MARGARET take thee ANDREW ALBERT CHRISTIAN EDWARD to my wedded 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, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

Then shall they again loose their hands; and the Man shall give unto the Woman a ring, laying the same upon the book. And the Archbishop shall say a prayer for the blessing of the ring.

IN thy name, O Lord, we hallow and dedicate this ring, that by thy blessing he who gives it and she who wears it, keeping true faith the one to the other, may abide together in thy peace, continue together in thy favour, live together in thy love, and may finally dwell together in thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Archbishop, taking the ring, shall deliver it unto the Man to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. And the Man, holding the ring there, and taught by the Archbishop, shall say,

WITH this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee worship, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the Man leaving the ring upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, they shall both kneel down. The Congregation shall remain standing, and the Archbishop shall say,

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life: Send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy Name; that, living faithfully together, they may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, whereof this ring given and received is a token and pledge, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Archbishop join their right hands together, and say,

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Then shall the Archbishop speak unto the people.

FORASMUCH as ANDREW ALBERT CHRISTIAN EDWARD and SARAH MARGARET 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 a ring, 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. *Amen.*

And the Archbishop shall add this Blessing.

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. *Amen.*

Then shall the choir sing,

PSALM 48: 8-9

WE wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy Temple.
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy Temple.
O Lord, send us now prosperity. *Amen.*

Plainsong, with Fauxbourdons by William McKie

The Lesson shall be read by HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, the people being seated.

EPHESIANS 3: 14-21

FOR this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Archbishop, followed by the Man and the Woman, go to the Lord's Table, this hymn being sung.

LEAD us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy:
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

The hymn ended, the people shall kneel; and the Man and the Woman kneeling before the Lord's Table, THE PRECENTOR standing at the Table, and turning his face towards them, shall say,

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, save thy servant, and thy handmaid;

Who put their trust in thee.

O Lord, send them help from thy holy place;

And evermore defend them.

Be unto them, a tower of strength;

From the face of their enemy.

O Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come unto thee.

Then shall the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster say,

ALMIGHTY God, Giver of life and love, bless ANDREW and SARAH, whom thou hast now joined in Christian marriage. Grant them wisdom and devotion in their life together, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. So unite their wills in thy will, and their spirits in thy Spirit, that they may live and grow together in love and peace all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland say,

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast given marriage to be a source of blessing to mankind: We thank thee for the joys of family life. May we know thy presence and peace in our homes, fill them with thy love, and use them for thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council say,

OMERCIFUL Lord, and heavenly Father, by whose gracious gift mankind is increased: We beseech thee, assist with thy blessing these two persons, that they may both be fruitful in procreation of children, and also live together so long in godly love and honesty, that they may see their children christianly and virtuously brought up, to thy praise and honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Chaplain of the Fleet say the Prayer of Sir Francis Drake,

OLORD God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through him, who for the finishing of thy work laid down his life, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Then shall the Archbishop of York say,

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies and Giver of all grace: We ask thy blessing on the members of the Royal Family as they fulfil their service among us; that both by their word and example our Nation and Commonwealth may be strengthened in love of righteousness and freedom, and preserved in unity and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, pour upon you the riches of his grace, sanctify and bless you, that ye may please him both in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto your lives' end. *Amen.*

Then shall be sung by the choir the following anthem, the people still kneeling.

SET me as a seal upon thine heart,
As a seal upon thine arm:
For love is strong as death;
Many waters cannot quench love,
Neither can the floods drown it;
Set me as a seal upon thine heart
For love is strong as death.

from the Song of Solomon, to the setting by *William Walton*

Then shall be sung the following hymn, the people standing.

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.

Then shall THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismiss those that are gathered together, saying,

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 Ghost, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

John Hilton

A Fanfare shall be sounded and there shall be sung,

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

GOD save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen:
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

During the signing of the Register the following motets shall be sung.

LAUDATE Dominum omnes gentes: laudate eum omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius: et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.*

Psalm 117

W. A. Mozart

EXSULTATE, jubilate,
O vos animae beatae,
Dulcia cantica canendo:
Cantui vestro respondendo
Psallant aethera cum me.
Alleluia.

*Rejoice, be glad, ye blessed souls, and sing sweet canticles: in response
to your singing the heavens will make music with me.*

Alleluia.

W. A. Mozart

After the signing of the Register there shall be played,

The Triumphal March from Caractacus *Edward Elgar*

Crown Imperial *William Walton*

The Processions of the Clergy, the Bride and Bridegroom,
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh,
and the Royal Family.

*Members of the Congregation are requested to remain in their places
until directed by the Ushers to leave the Abbey.*