

*“If we love one
another, God
dwelleth in us,
and his love is
perfected in us.”*

1 John 4:12

The Christian Wedding of
Donald Dyvig & Krista Gruetzmacher

OCTOBER 19, 2024

Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Rite of Christian Marriage



Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 2:30pm
Salem Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Minnesota

This order of worship celebrates God's gracious gift of marriage.

The assembly shares the joy of the bride and groom as they publicly proclaim lifelong love and faithfulness to each other. Because this is a worship service we ask that cell phones and other devices be silenced and not used during the service.

Thank you.

Processional

St. Anthony Chorale

By J. Brahms

Prayer for Christian Wedding

Reader: Our Lord Jesus Christ came as an invited guest to the wedding at Cana, and with his gracious presence, he brought joy and gladness to those who were there. Jesus is also with us who have gathered in his name to celebrate with God's Word and with prayer this marriage of Don & Krista. May he bless us today by his Holy Spirit. Amen.

Service of Christian Marriage

M: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: We are here in the sight of God and his people to rejoice with Don and Krista as they begin their lives as husband and wife. God established marriage at the beginning of time as a blessing to the man and woman he created, and he continues to guide and bless those he unites in marriage. Moses wrote about the marriage of Adam and Eve in the book of Genesis:

The Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Marriage was part of God's perfect creation, but Adam and Eve rebelled against God and brought sin into the world. Sadly, the tragedy of sin also has

affected marriage and the home, but in love God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to save the world from sin. Through faith in Jesus, God forgives us and unites us to Christ as members of his family.

God intends marriage to reflect the union of Christ and his people. He instructs husbands to imitate the unconditional and self-sacrificing love of Christ. He urges wives to reflect the Christian's joyful respect and submission to Jesus. St. Paul described this relationship in his letter to the Ephesians:

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Our Savior's love for us empowers us to love one another. Husbands and wives grow in love as they live in the love of Christ. St. John wrote in his first letter:

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins... We love because he first loved us.

God intends the union of husband and wife to bring mutual happiness, to offer help and support in times of sadness and joy, and, when it is his will, to provide a home where children can grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore, all who enter marriage ought to do so reverently, thoughtfully, and in keeping with the purposes for which God gave it.

Prayer

M: Let us pray.

Gracious and eternal God, in the beginning you created man and woman and established marriage by your design and wisdom. Look with favor on Don and Krista, who come to you seeking your blessing on their marriage. Guide them with your Word, that with genuine faithfulness and unwavering love for one another they may honor and keep the promises they make today; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Reading

1 John 4:7-10

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among

us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

¹²Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Hal H Hopson

1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

Sermon Reading

Matthew 7:24–25

²⁴“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

“Marriage’s Firmer Foundation”

Marriage Rite

Don and Krista, you have come here to be united in marriage, which consists in your mutual consent, sincerely and freely given. I invite you to declare this intent in the presence of God and this assembly.

Vows to God

The minister asks the bridegroom and bride in turn:

M: Don, will you have Krista to be your wife, to live with her in marriage according to the Word of God? Will you love her, honor her, support her, and be faithful to her as long as you both shall live? If so, answer, “I will.”

Don: *I will.*

M: Krista, will you have Don to be your husband, to live with him in marriage according to the Word of God? Will you love him, honor him, support him, and be faithful to him as long as you both shall live? If so, answer, “I will.”

Krista: *I will.*

Vows to Each Other

M: Join your hands and make your promises to each other.

The bridegroom and bride say in turn:

I, Don/Krista, in the presence of God and this assembly, take you, Krista/Don, to be my wife/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, until death parts us.

Exchange of Rings

M: Exchange rings as a symbol of the lifelong commitment you have made to each other.

The bridegroom and bride exchange rings in turn, saying:

Krista/Don, I give you this ring as a symbol of my love and faithfulness.

The minister prays:

M: Lord, pour out your blessing on your servants that they may always remember their solemn promises and, trusting in your mercy, may live in love all their days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Declaration of Marriage & Blessing

M: Since Don and Krista have committed themselves to each other in marriage before God and this assembly, I declare that they are husband and wife, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Those whom God has joined together, let no one separate.

God the Holy Trinity preserve you in faithfulness, strengthen you in love, and guide you to life's end.

Unity Ceremony

Don & Krista plant a tree using soil poured from two jars. Two jars become one jar, and from it grows one tree. This tree symbolizes their shared life in marriage—the two becoming one, inseparable until death. Their marriage dependent on and rooted in Christ as the tree is rooted in the soil.

Prayer

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God, source of love, help Don and Krista to fulfill the promises they have made today and to reflect your unfailing love in their love for each other. Give them kindness and patience, affection and understanding, happiness and contentment. Encourage their family and friends to support them in difficult days, that their love for each other may continue to grow as long as they live.

Gracious Father, in your goodness you bring people together into families and enrich their lives with abundant blessings. Renew the love of husbands and wives, parents and children, that they may strengthen and support one another on the way that leads to our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing

CW 764



1 Gra - cious Sav - ior, grant your bless - ing to all
 2 Lord, if you are not the build - er, then the
 3 *Ca - na's guest, this un - ion hal - low; in your*
 4 Let our love in mar - riage pic - ture how you
 5 Fa - ther, you cre - at - ed Ad - am, craft - ed



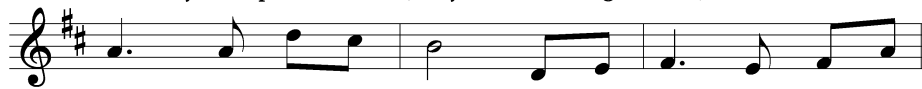
hus - bands and all wives, that in peace they live to -
 house is built in vain, for a home with - out your
arms em - brace this pair. Sav - ior, clothe them with the
 dear - ly loved your bride: when you gave your - self to
 Eve, and made them one; Je - sus, from their sin you



geth - er in your love through - out their lives.
 pres - ence shall with - out true love re - main.
gar - ments they will dai - ly need to wear:
 cleanse her, when for her you bled and died.
 saved us, as God's true in - car - nate Son;



Christ, de - fend them from the tempt - er and from
 Yet when you with - in a mar - riage come and
pa - tience, kind - ness, and com - pas - sion, gen - tle -
 Je - sus, you have made her ho - ly, pure and
 Ho - ly Spir - it, you for - give us; from our



all that would de - stroy love's foun - da - tion you've es -
 dwell with grace di - vine, there you fill the emp - ty
ness, hu - mil - i - ty; robe them, Lord, with love to
 fair her ra - diant train; to your - self, your Church pre -
 sins we are re - leased. Bring us, Lord, at last to



tab - lished and its path - ways paved with joy.
 ves - sels, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
bind them in a per - fect u - ni - ty.
 sent - ing, with - out wrin - kle, spot, or stain.
 heav - en, to the end - less wed - ding feast.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Announcement of the Couple

Please remain in the pew. The couple will return to usher everyone out.

Recessional

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

By J. Weber

Reception & Dinner

Don & Krista ask their invited guests to continue their joyful celebration with a reception at Kilkarney Hills Gold Club: Appetizers 4-6 pm & Dinner 6:30 pm



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