



The Marriage of Michael Hearon & Lauren Kriegel
Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

WELCOME TO
HOLY TRINITY

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the largest progressive Lutheran body in the United States. As Lutherans, we go about Christianity in a Lutheran way, emphasizing that we are reconciled with God (justified) not by anything we do, but through and because of God's love, freely given (grace). We love questions more than quick fixes (paradox); we read the Bible in a way that honors it as the source and norm of faith, but not as a literal handbook. As Lutherans, we also lift up the gifts and capacity for ministry (vocation) that everyone holds.

Holy Trinity is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation welcoming all persons in Christ's name regardless of sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, gender, class or other possible exclusionary distinctions. We seek an active commitment to inclusiveness in membership, evangelism, and social outreach. With a heart for the city, a passion for justice, and a commitment to the arts, we seek to be a place where all God's people will know they are loved. Welcome. We've been waiting for you. There is a place for you here.

UPDATED:
COVID-19
SAFETY
INFORMATION

With the delta variant increasing in prevalence across the United States, the CDC and the NYS Department of Health have updated their guidance to advise wearing a mask indoors if you live in a place with substantial or high coronavirus transmission. (The guidance for people who are unvaccinated remains the same: Always mask up indoors in public places.) Despite high levels of vaccination in Manhattan, we remain in a region with substantial transmission. In accordance with the latest CDC guidelines, we recommend that you continue to wear a mask at all times inside the building. We appreciate your patience and understanding over the weeks and months ahead, as we continue to assure one another and our neighbors that Holy Trinity is a safe place to celebrate our community of faith in Jesus Christ.

LIVE
STREAMING AT
HOLY TRINITY

Please be aware that worship this morning is being filmed, photographed, and live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your likeness and/or voice may be captured by our equipment. Please alert an usher at the entrance if you have any concerns. Selections from this live stream may be used on our website and/or in outreach messaging.

GATHERING

prelude	Chorale prelude on <i>Hyfrydol</i> ("Love divine, all loves excelling")	John Ayer (1952-2021)
	Beautiful Savior	Silesian folk melody
	Alla Hornpipe, from <i>Water Music</i>	G.F. Händel
	Ave Maria	Franz Schubert
	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (from Cantata 147)	J. S. Bach
procession of the bridal party	Trumpet Voluntary	John Stanley

God welcomes all, without distinction, to the liturgy of the church. If you wish, make the sign of the cross with the presider, the sign marked at baptism.

welcome

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dear friends: we have come together in the presence of God to witness the marriage of Mike and Lauren, to surround them with our prayers, and to share in their joy. The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of God.

The marriage vows Mike and Lauren make here today bear witness to God's faithfulness. Their love and care for one another, though human, finite, and flawed,

reflect God's enduring mercy and steadfast love. They love because God first loved them.

Lauren and Mike, dearly beloved of God, when you make your promises to one another, you will draw from the deep well of the promise God made to you the day you were baptized: to make a home with you wherever you live, to clothe you with forgiveness and mercy, to send you as light into the world, and to give you abundant life in Jesus Christ. God joins this celebration, pouring out the Holy Spirit to bless your marriage with forgiveness, courage, and compassion. We join God in rejoicing with you, and we promise to surround your marriage with joy and loving support.

declaration of
intention

Mike and Lauren, you have come before God to exchange solemn vows with one another and to ask for God's blessing.

Lauren, will you receive Mike as your husband and bind yourself to him in the covenant of marriage? Will you promise to love and honor him in true devotion, to rejoice with him in times of gladness, to grieve with him in times of sorrow, and to be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Mike, will you receive Lauren as your wife and bind yourself to her in the covenant of marriage? Will you promise to love and honor her in true devotion, to rejoice with her in times of gladness, to grieve with her in times of sorrow, and to be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Families, friends, and all those gathered here with Mike and Lauren, will you support and care for them, sustain and pray for them in times of trouble, give thanks with them in times of joy, honor the bonds of their covenant, and affirm the love of God reflected in their life together?

greeting

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

And also with you.

prayer of the day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people, and we give you thanks for bringing Mike and Lauren to this day. Enrich them with every good gift. Continue the good work you have begun in them. 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. **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

WORD

from the christian
scriptures

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

from the holy
gospel

Matthew 5:14-16

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

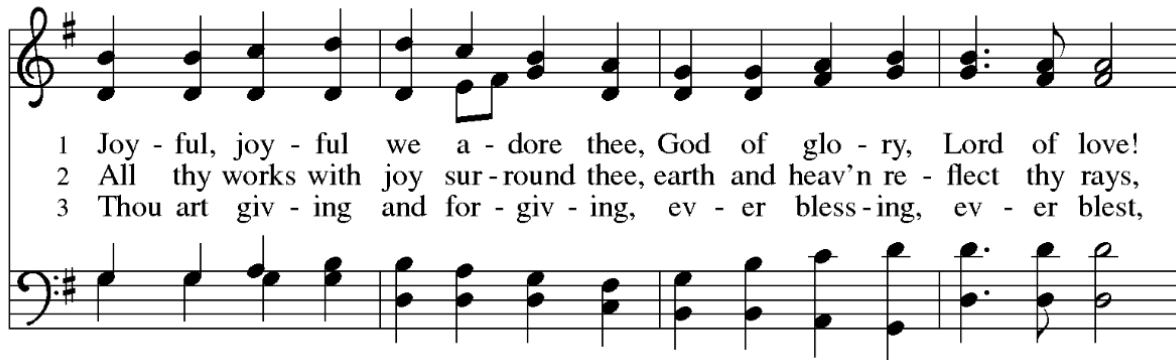
Silence is kept.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

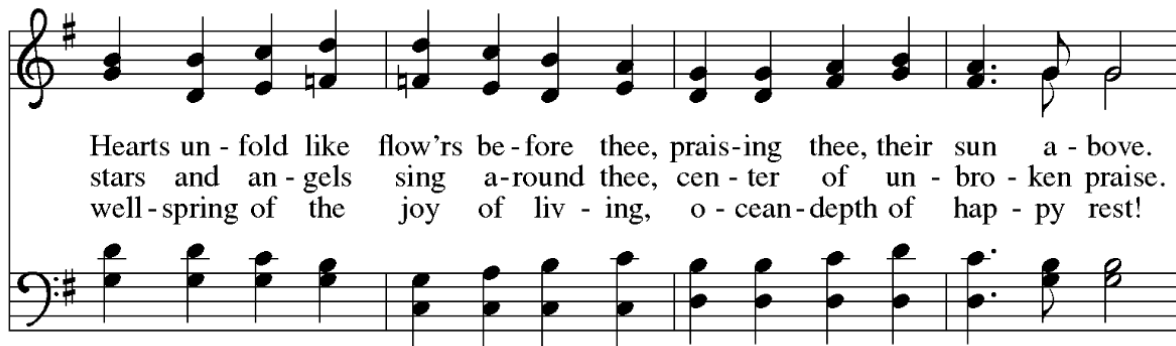
homily

The Reverend Timothy Weisman

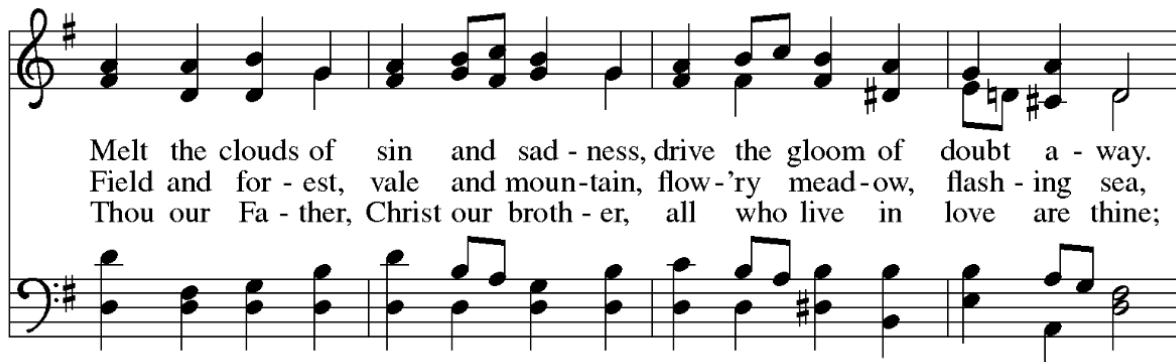
Silence is kept following the sermon. The assembly stands to sing.



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

MARRIAGE

VOWS

In the presence of God, our families, and friends, I, Michael, take you, Lauren, to be my wife; to have and to hold from this day forward, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, forsaking all others, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

In the presence of God, our families, and friends, I, Lauren, take you, Michael, to be my husband; to have and to hold from this day forward, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, forsaking all others, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

giving of rings

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God of grace, for your love and faithfulness to your people. May these rings be symbols of the promises Lauren and Mike have made with each other; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Michael, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow. With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Lauren, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow. With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

marriage blessing

Blessed are you, O God. Holy is your presence, glorious is your peace. You made humans to love and be loved. You call us together into community so that we might not live and die alone. Bless now Lauren and Mike as they commit themselves to one another. As you have blessed your faithful people throughout time and around the earth, we ask you now to bless the union of their lives.

Blessed are you, O God, Father of mercies. Pour your mercy over Mike and Lauren, that they may know your lovingkindness and share your mercy with one another.

Blessed are you, O God, mother of life. Create for Mike and Lauren countless occasions when they may share their life with the world.

Blessed are you, O God: you are our home. Abide in their dwelling, that it may be a place of warmth and protection, hospitality and generosity.

Blessed are you, O God: you are the horizon of our days. Shine always before them, that they may journey into the future with you ever in their view.

Blessed are you, O God: you are the everlasting arms. Protect them from danger, support them in trouble, comfort them in sorrow. Embrace them with your tender strength all the days of their lives.

Blessed are you, O God, Father, Son, and Spirit. the Lover, the Beloved, and Love. Give to name and name and to all people your love that surpasses understanding. May we with the whole earth praise your goodness now and forever. **Amen.**

acclamation

Now that Mike and Lauren have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of a ring, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

prayers of the people

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The assembly responds to each petition.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

the lord's prayer

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

final blessing
(1 Thessalonians 5)

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

retiring procession

Präludium in G, BWV 541

J. S. Bach

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