

THE MARRIAGE OF JEREMY FRIEDLAND & TIMOTHY WEISMAN
Saturday, October 22nd 2022

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.

LIVE STREAMING
AT HOLY TRINITY

Please be aware that the service this evening 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 in our public relations materials.

GATHERING

prelude

Sonata No. 3 in A Major

Felix Mendelssohn
Austin Philemon, organ

At the start of the hymn, the assembly rises in body or spirit: turn to face the procession as the choir, clergy, best people, the grooms, and their parents enter.

processional
hymn #502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major). The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the final two lines of the hymn. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

invocation and
 introduction

Blessed are you, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who remembers the covenant,
 and is faithful to God's covenant, and keeps God's promise. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has kept us in life,
 sustained us, and brought us to share in the joy of this day. **Amen.**

Dearly beloved, Jeremy and Tim have come to make their marriage vows in the presence of God and of this assembly. The uniting of these two men in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy and a blessing to all whom they encounter. Their promises bear witness to God's faithfulness, and forsaking all others they will bind themselves to one another in a covenant of mutual fidelity and steadfast love. Such a lifelong commitment is not to be entered into lightly or thoughtlessly, but responsibly and with reverence. Let us now witness their promises to each other and surround them with our prayers, asking God's blessing upon them, that they may be strengthened for their life together and nurtured in the love of God.

explanation of
the chuppah &
remembrance
of loved ones

Tim and Jeremy, you have honored us with the great privilege of officiating together at this sacred ceremony that unites you now and forever. From two distinct traditions, which we fully embrace and share a common ancestry in both history and faith, Jeremy and Tim have come together to learn the best of what each has to offer, to acknowledge, appreciate, and even celebrate their different qualities, and to build a firm foundation for establishing their family on the common ground of timeless values upon which a strong marriage – your marriage, is built: the unconditional love of your families and friends, the unwavering support that you provide for each other, and, perhaps most important, mutual respect.

Jeremy and Tim, you now stand beneath the portal of your beautiful *Chuppah*, the Hebrew term for a simple shelter, which represents the promise of the home you have created together, a home to which, today, you make a permanent and willful commitment. The *Chuppah* is open and accessible on all sides symbolizing the importance of community and of your participation in each other's lives. May your home always be filled with family and friends, a shelter to withstand the challenges of life, a haven of peace, and a stronghold of your faiths and your love.

The loving embrace of your family and friends symbolizes the importance of what is beyond ourselves and the present in the hearts of those who have encouraged and nurtured us, those who have come before us, and those who are not here to celebrate with us today. And so, in a moment of reflection, gratitude, and quiet prayer, let us be mindful of all whose values and achievements have been a source of inspiration to Tim and Jeremy, and their respective families throughout their lifetimes. Surrounded by your love, we now hold their treasured memories very close to our hearts as Jeremy remembers: Selma and Abe B. Kaye, Sylvia and Jerry Friedland, and Marsha Kurtz; and Tim remembers: Delbert and Juanita Weisman, Betty Neukam Lemond, Gilbert Neukam, and Oscar Lemond.

declaration of
intention

Jeremy, will you have Tim to be your husband, to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him and comfort him, honor and keep him, rejoice with him in times of gladness, grieve with him in times of sorrow, and forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Tim, will you have Jeremy to be your husband, to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him and comfort him, honor and keep him, rejoice with him in times of gladness, grieve with him in times of sorrow, and forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Will all of you gathered to witness these vows do all in your power to uphold and honor Jeremy and Tim in the covenant they make? *Response:* **We will.**

greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

prayer of
the day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* O God, faithful and true, whose steadfast love endures forever: we give you thanks for sustaining Jeremy and Tim in the life they share and for bringing them to this day. Nurture them and fill them with joy in their life together, continuing the good work you have begun in them; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with you the marriage feast that has no end. **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

WORD

from the hebrew
scriptures

Song of Songs 2:10-13

read by Randy Robbin

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Rise up, 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 turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth her figs,
and the vines with tender grapes
give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.”

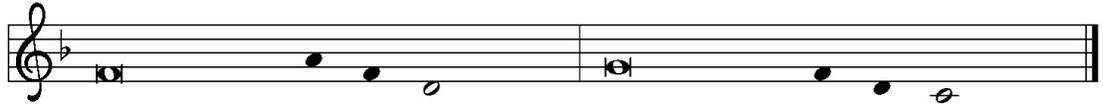
Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A cantor intones the first verse, then the assembly joins to sing.

psalm 118:
1-2, 14-24



Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
 God's mercy en- | dures forever.
Let Israel | now declare,
 "God's mercy en- | dures forever."
The LORD is my strength | and my song,
 and has become | my salvation.
Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:
 "The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!
The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
 The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"
I shall not | die, but live,
 and declare the works | of the LORD.
The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
 but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
Open for me the | gates of righteousness.
 I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.
"This is the gate | of the LORD.
 here the righ- | teous may enter."
I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
 and you have become | my salvation.
The stone that the build- | ers rejected
 has become the chief | cornerstone.
By the LORD has | this been done.
 it is marvelous | in our eyes.
This is the day that the | LORD has made,
 let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

gospel
acclamation



Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11)

from the
holy gospels

Mark 12:28-34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

One of the scribes came near and asked [Jesus], “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

Silence is kept.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

homily

The Reverend Cricket Cooper

Silence is kept following the homily.

motet

Set me as a seal upon thine heart,
as a seal upon thine arm;
for love is strong as death,
jealousy is cruel as the grave.
The coals thereof are coals of fire,
which hath a most vehement flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.

Buck McDaniel (2022)

Song of Songs 8:6-7a

MARRIAGE

VOWS

Jeremy and Tim, I invite you to declare your vows to one another.

giving of rings

Tim and Jeremy, these rings in their unbroken wholeness are the visible symbols of your union and unconditional love. They represent the enduring trust and mutual affection that you bring to one another at this moment. May they forever remind you that your lives are now to be bound together by devotion, caring, and commitment.

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* We give you thanks, O God of grace, for your love and faithfulness to your people. May these rings be symbols of the promises Jeremy and Tim have made with one another. **Amen.**

Tim, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow. With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you.

Jeremy, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow. With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you.

explanation of the ketubah

Cantor Neil Berris

blessing over the wine and blessings of marriage

Jeremy and Tim, this *Kiddush* cup of sweet wine symbolizes the gratitude that you have for the loving care and teachings of your parents, and the ties of heart and mind and memory that bond brothers and sisters and family across time and all distance.

This cup of wine is also a reminder of the cup of life that you will now share together, and the blessings we wish for you both as we consecrate Tim and Jeremy with these traditional blessings on their wedding day:

Blessed are you Eternal God, Source of all creation, who has provided the fruit of the vine, the timeless symbol of our rejoicing.

May the Eternal One bless the joy of our gathering and blessed is the love that surrounds Tim and Jeremy. May they be for each other lover and best friend, and may their relationship be built on a foundation of honesty, understanding, and trust. May each new day be for both of you a true paradise here on this earth. Blessed is your love as we celebrate the marriage of Tim and Jeremy.

acclamation

Now that Jeremy and Tim have given themselves to one another by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of a ring, I pronounce that they are now husbands, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING

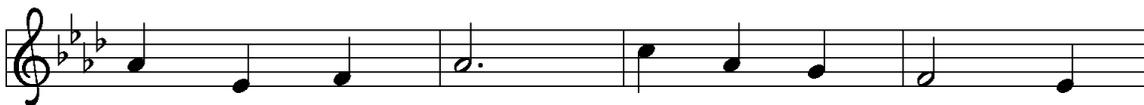
The assembly stands for the final blessing and hymn.

blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.

breaking of
the glass

*The assembly responds: **Mazel tov!***



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test - tubes!
5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

The assembly sits for the postlude. Then the assembly is invited to gather outside for a cocktail hour along Central Park West.

postlude

Organ Symphony No. 6, V. Finale

Charles-Marie Widor
Austin Philemon, organ

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