

WELCOME TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE OF

Heather Jean Pizzo
and
Brent Arthur Fordt

Easter Saturday
18 April A.D. 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARINE CITY, MICHIGAN



It is indeed a pleasure to have you worshipping with us on this joyful occasion! The Lutheran Church deems a wedding before the Holy Altar of God to be divine worship. The festivities of the occasion should not detract from the reverence due Our Lord. Therefore . . .

- ☛ Please do not disturb the silence of others with unnecessary talking or noise inside the Church.
- ☛ Do not take flash photographs during the Liturgy. Pictures may be taken without flash, if done unobtrusively. A flash may be used to take a picture of the Bride as she processes in, and of the wedding party as they go out of the Church. Other pictures will be posed after the ceremony.
- ☛ Please do not throw rice, confetti, or other articles inside the Church Building or on the Church Grounds.
- ☛ Please follow the instructions for standing, sitting, and responding as given in this Order of Service.
- ☛ You are cordially invited to worship with us again!

The Pre-Service Music

The Seating of the Parents

The Procession

The Invocation and Greeting

Celebrant: In the ✠ Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

[SIT]

DEARLY beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this Man and this Woman in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of Marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by His presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and His Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

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 the Lord. Therefore Marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union Brent Arthur and Heather Jean now come to be joined.

If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

❖ *The Celebrant says to the persons to be married:*

I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, you do now confess it.

The Declaration of Consent

❖ *The Celebrant says to the Woman:*

HEATHER, will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

❖ *The Woman answers:*

I will.

❖ *The Celebrant says to the Man:*

BRENT, will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

❖ *The Man answers:*

I will.

❖ *The Celebrant then addresses the Congregation, saying:*

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

PEOPLE: WE WILL.

The Presentation

Celebrant: Who presents this Woman to be married to this Man?

[STAND]

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O GRACIOUS and ever-living God, You have created us male and female in Your image : Look mercifully upon Brent and Heather who come to You seeking Your blessing, and assist them with Your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

[SIT]

The Lesson. Genesis 2.18-24.

Lector: The Lesson from the Book of Genesis.

IN those days : The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; and the rib which the LORD God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. – The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

❖ *Silence for reflection and meditation follows the reading of the Lesson.*

The Gradual

Ps. 127. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home.

V/. Your children like olive plants around your table.

The Epistle. Ephesians 5.2, 21-33.

Lector: The Lesson from the Epistle of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.

BRETHREN : Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, and is Himself its Savior. As the Church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present the Church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. Even so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ does the Church, because we are members of His Body. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is a profound one, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the Church; however, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. – The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

[STAND, when the organ intones the Alleluia.]

The Alleluia

❖ All sing:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

V/. Ps. 19. May the Lord send you help from the sanctuary, from Sion may He sustain you.

❖ All repeat Alleluia as above.

The Holy Gospel. St. Matthew 19.3-6.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Celebrant: ✠ The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

PEOPLE: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

AT that time : Pharisees came up to Jesus and tested Him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" He answered, "Have you not read that He who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, `For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." – The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

[SIT]

The Sermon

The Exchange of Vows

*I take you, N., in faith and honesty to be my husband/wife
and these things I promise you:*

*I promise before God and these witnesses
to be your faithful wife/husband;
to be honest with you;
to respect, trust, help, and care for you.*

*I will with God's help share my life with you
in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow,
in sickness and in health.*

I will forgive you as we have been forgiven.

*I promise to serve God with you,
and always remember where to run to when we need Him the most
for as long as we both shall live.*

The Blessing of the Rings

BLESS, ✠ O Lord, these rings to be a sign of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖ *The rings are sprinkled with blessed water from the Font.*

The Exchange of Rings

*N., I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow,
and with all that I am, and with all that I have, I honor you,
in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

The Announcement of Marriage

❖ *The Celebrant joins the right hands of Husband and Wife and, wrapping their joined hands with a white stole as a sign of their life-long union in Christ, declares the following:*

NOW that Brent and Heather have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving

of a ring, I announce that they are Husband and Wife: In the Name ✠ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

Celebrant: Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

The Lighting of the Unity Candle

[STAND]

The Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Let us pray. Eternal God, Creator and Preserve of life, Author of salvation, and Giver of all grace : Look with favor upon the world You have made, and for which Your Son gave His life, and especially upon this Man and this Woman whom You make one flesh in Matrimony.

Assisting Minister: Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. Lord, in Your mercy.

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Assisting Minister: Grant that their wills may be so knit together in Your will, and their spirits in Your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with You and one another all the days of their life. Lord, in Your mercy.

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Assisting Minister: Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and Yours. Lord, in Your mercy.

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Assisting Minister: Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. Lord, in Your mercy.

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Assisting Minister: Bestow on them, if it is Your will, the gift and heritage of children, and the grace to bring them up to know You, to love You, and to serve You. Lord, in Your mercy.

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Assisting Minister: Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others. Lord, in Your mercy.

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Assisting Minister: Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed. Lord, in Your mercy.

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Celebrant: Grant that the bonds of our common humanity, by which all Your children are united one to another, and the living to the dead, may be so transformed by Your grace, that Your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with Your Son, and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign in perfect unity, world without end.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

The Offertory

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Ps.30. My trust in You, O Lord : I say, You are my God. In Your hands is my destiny.

[SIT]

❖ *The Altar is prepared for the Eucharistic Banquet as the following hymn is sung by all:*

HEAR us now, our God and Father,
Send Your Spirit from above
On this Christian Man and Woman
Who here make their vows of love!
Bind their hearts in true devotion
Endless as the seashore's sands,
Boundless as the deepest ocean,
Blest and sealed by Your own hands.

Give them joy to lighten sorrow!
Give them hope to brighten life!
Go with them to face the morrow,
Stay with them in every strife.
As Your Word has promised, ever
Fill them with Your strength and grace,
So that each may serve the other
Till they see You face to face.

May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor
Rest upon them from above.
Thus may they abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess the sweet communion
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

[STAND]

The Offertory Prayer

RECEIVE, we pray You, Lord, the offering we make to You, for the sacred law of matrimony; and be You the disposer of the work of which You are the Author. Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one

God, world without end.
PEOPLE: AMEN.

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

The Proper Preface and Sanctus

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, . . . praising Thee and singing:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na
in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Canon for a Wedding

Celebrant: You are indeed holy, O God . . . World without end.

PEOPLE:

A - men, A - men, A - - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray : Commanded by saving precepts, and taught by divine example, we are bold to sing:

[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. AND FORGIVE US OUR [DEBTS], AS WE FORGIVE [OUR DEBTORS]. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION. BUT DELIVER ✕ US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, [FOREVER]. AMEN.

The Pax Domini

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

The Agnus Dei

☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

PEOPLE: LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU; BUT

ONLY SAY THE WORD, AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED.

[SIT]

*The Administration of
Our Lord's Body and Blood*

The Communion Verse

Ps. 127. Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord; may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

The Communion Hymns

OFATHER, all creating, whose wisdom, love, and pow'r
First bound two lives together in Eden's primal hour,
Today on these Thy children Thine earliest gifts renew,—
A home by Thee made happy, a love by Thee kept true.

O Savior, Guest most bounteous of old in Galilee,
Vouchsafe today Thy presence with these who call on Thee.
Their store of earthly gladness transform to heav'nly wine
And teach them, in the testing, to know the gift is Thine.

O Spirit of the Father, breathe on them from above,
So mighty in Thy pureness, so tender in Thy love,
That, guarded by Thy presence, from sin and strife kept free,
Their lives may own Thy guidance, their hearts be ruled by Thee.

Except Thou build it, Father, the house is built in vain;
Except, Thou Savior, bless it, the joy will turn to pain.
But naught can break the marriage of hearts in Thee made one,
And love Thy Spirit hallows is endless is endless love begun.
Amen.

[STAND]

The Postcommunion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

OGOD, the Giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious : We give You thanks for binding us together in these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit, Brent and Heather , now joined in Holy Matrimony, may become one in heart and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love You. Through Jesus Christ, You Son, our Lord. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

The Blessing of Husband and Wife

❖ *The Husband and Wife kneel, and the Celebrant blesses them with the following prayer:*

MOST gracious God, we give You thanks for Your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human Mother, and to make the Way of the Cross to be the way of life. We thank You, also, for consecrating the union of Man and Woman in His Name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of Your blessing upon Brent and Heather. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in Your mercy, bring them to that table where Your Saints feast for ever in Your heavenly home. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

The Blessing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
PEOPLE: AMEN.

The Introduction of Husband and Wife

Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Heather Fordt

The Recessional and Postlude



WEDDING PARTICIPANTS

Ryan and Kelly Pizzo
Witnesses

Nick and Tess Pizzo
Witnesses

Bridesmaids
Danielle Green
Kara Schrader
Kendall Noteboom

Attendants
Brian and Heather Noteboom
Brett and Shelby Smith

Junior Bridesmaids
Alexa Fordt
Arianna Johnson
Brooklyn Pizzo
Rylee Pizzo

Junior Groomsman
Colton Pizzo

Ringbearer
Beckett Pizzo

Ushers
Tim Wilke *and* Bryon Gutschow

Parents of the Bride
John & Kathy Pizzo

Parents of the Groom
Vincent and Patricia Fordt

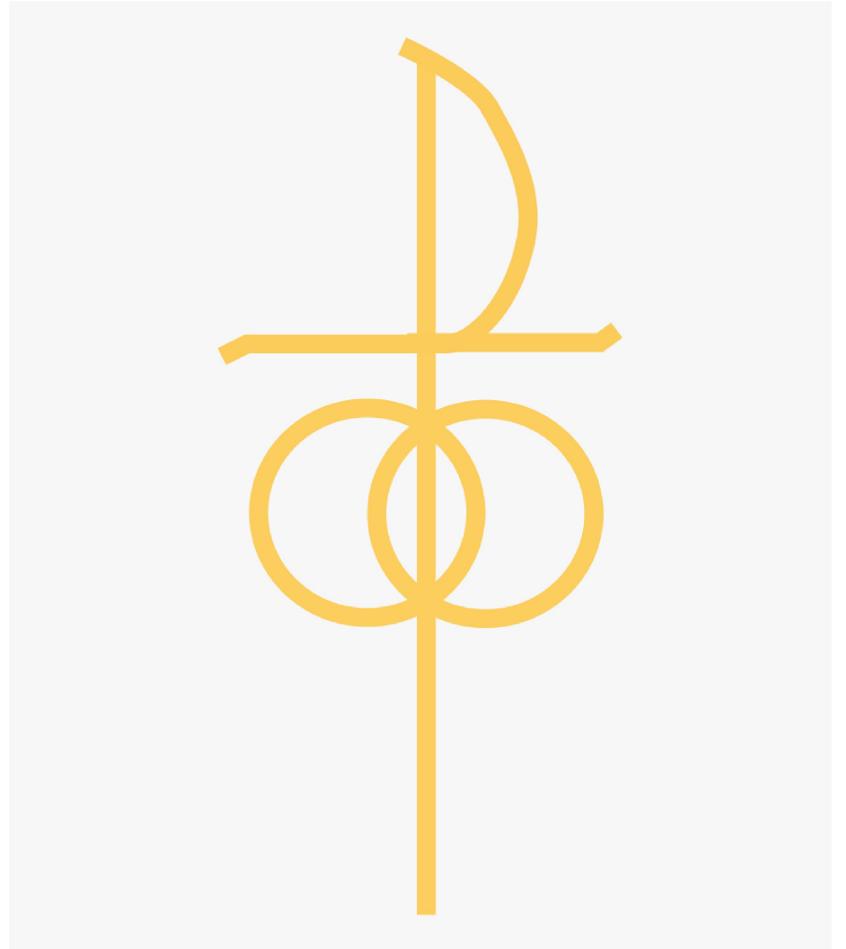
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Sandy Youngert

Celebrant
The Rev. Pastor Troy G.



*The Rite of
Holy Matrimony*