



Order of Service

The marriage of Lisa Lewis and Philip Sanders

31st May 2021

*Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Moortown,
Leeds*

Entrance of the bride *Trumpet Voluntary, Jeremiah Clarke*

Opening hymn *Shine Jesus Shine*

Greeting (Fr Henry Longbottom)

Introductory Rite

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

All: And with your spirit.

Opening prayer

Lighting of the candles: *Lisa and Philip each light a candle representing their individuality and uniqueness.*

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading - read by Geraldine Bagot

A reading from the Book of Tobit 8:4b-8

On their wedding night Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife, "Sister, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance." Sarah got up, and they started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs. They began with these words:

"Blessed are you, O God of our fathers; praised be your name forever and ever. Let the heavens and all your creation praise you forever. You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve to be his help and support; and from these two the human race descended. You said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; let us make him a partner like himself.' Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine not because of lust, but for a noble purpose. Call down your mercy on me and on her, and allow us to live together to a happy old age." They said together, "Amen, amen."

The word of the Lord.

All: thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (*sung*) *Psalm 102 - The Lord is compassion*

Second Reading - read by Claire Hinde

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 12:31–13:8a

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

The word of the Lord.

All: thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation (Sung) 1 In 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

As long as we love one another

God will live in us,

and his love will be complete in us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:1-11

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily *please be seated*

The Celebration of Marriage

Questions Before the Consent

Lisa and Philip, have you come here to enter into marriage without coercion, freely and wholeheartedly?

Lisa and Philip: I have.

Philip, are you resolved to take Lisa to be your wife: to love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and forsaking all others, to be faithful to her as long as you both live?

Philip: I am.

Lisa, are you resolved to take Philip to be your husband: to love him, comfort him, honour and protect him, and forsaking all others, to be faithful to him as long as you both live?

Lisa: I am.

Philip and Lisa, are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

Lisa and Philip: I am.

The Civil Declaration of Freedom

Philip: I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I Philip Sanders may not be joined in matrimony to Lisa Lewis.

Lisa: I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I Lisa Lewis may not be joined in matrimony to Philip Sanders.

The Consent

Philip: I call upon these persons here present to witness that I Philip do take thee, Lisa to be my lawful 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 do us part.

Lisa: I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, Lisa do take thee, Philip to be my lawful 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 and to cherish till death do us part.

The Reception of the Consent

... Let us bless the Lord

All: thanks be to God.

The Blessing and Giving of Rings

May the Lord bless these rings, which you will give to each other as a sign of love and fidelity.

All: Amen.

Philip: I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage: with my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Lisa: Philip I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage: with my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Lighting of the Marriage Candle: *Lisa and Philip light their marriage candle which represents their sacramental union as husband and wife.*

Signing of the register:

Irish Blessing, Bob Chilcott

Jesu Joy of man's desiring, Johann Sebastian Bach

Prayers of the Faithful - read by Suzanne Nutt & Harriet Wainwright

Fr Henry: Dear brother and sisters, as we call to mind the special gift of grace and charity by which God has been pleased to crown and consecrate the love of our sister and our brother, let us commend them to the Lord.

1. We pray for Lisa & Philip as they begin their married life together. May their home be full of joy and laughter, may God give them good health, and may they always find happiness in each other.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

2. By this marriage, two families have been united. We pray for both families that they may continue to be a source of love, support & guidance to Lisa and Philip as they build a new life together.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

3. We pray for all those who have joined us today both in Leeds and further afield, that God may give you peace in your hearts for today, hope in your hearts for tomorrow and love in your hearts forever.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

4. For the smiles and laughter of those who have gone before us; we remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received...but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage. We remember, in particular, the families of Lisa and Philip, may God shower them with eternal love.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

5. We pray for all those who are sick, lonely, or struggling in today's world, especially Philip's grandma Doreen who was unable to join us here today. May they be strengthened by God's love and aided by their friends.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

6. Let us join our prayers with those of Our Lady as we say together...

All: Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Fr Henry: Lord Jesus, you are present in our midst as Lisa and Philip seal their union accept our prayer and fill us with your spirit. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Nuptial Blessing

Holy Communion

Hymn *Be still for the presence of the Lord.*

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing

May God the eternal Father keep you of one heart in love for one another, that the peace of Christ may dwell in you, and abide always in your home.

All: Amen.

May you be blessed in your children, have solace in your friends and enjoy true peace with everyone.

All: Amen.

May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity, so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God.

All: Amen.

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Closing Hymn *I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)*

Recessional

Hornpipe from Water Music, George Frederic Handel

The Wedding Party

Maid of Honour

Kate Lewis

Flower girl

Libby Sanders

Witnesses

Paul Lewis

Chris Sanders

Organist

Colin Williams

Best Men

Andrew Higgins

Shaun Scoltock

Stewards

Claire Aldridge

Paul Lewis

Cantor

Charlotte Kitson

Go Raibh Míle Maith Agat

Thank you to all those who are celebrating our wedding with us in Leeds and to those joining us remotely, we hope to celebrate with all of you very soon.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to Father Henry Longbottom for his support.



INVISIBLE KISSES

written by Lemn Sissay

If there was ever one
Whom when you were sleeping
Would wipe your tears
When in dreams you were
weeping;
Who would offer you time
When others demand;
Whose love lay more infinite
Than grains of sand.

If there was ever one
To whom you could cry;
Who would gather each tear
And blow it dry;
Who would offer help
On the mountains of time;
Who would stop to let each
sunset
Soothe the jaded mind.

If there was ever one
To whom when you run
Will push back the clouds
So you are bathed in sun;
Who would open arms
If you would fall;
Who would show you everything
If you lost it all.

If there was ever one
Who when you achieve
Was there before the dream
And even then believed;
Who would clear the air
When it's full of loss;
Who would count love
Before the cost.

If there was ever one
Who when you are cold
Will summon warm air
For your hands to hold;
Who would make peace
In pouring pain,
Make laughter fall
In falling rain.

If there was ever one
Who can offer you this and more;
Who in keyless rooms
Can open doors;
Who in open doors
Can see open fields
And in open fields
See harvests yield.

Then see only my face
In reflection of these tides
Through the clear water
Beyond the river side.
All I can send is love
In all that this is
A poem and a necklace
Of invisible kisses.