



*The Wedding of  
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and  
Richard Fontaine McPherson III*

*October 26, 2024 3:30 p.m.*

*Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Note:** Please refrain from taking photographs during the worship service.

## The Entrance Liturgy

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### PRELUDE

AT THE PROCESSION *Standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave.*  
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” HYMN 858

### 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.**

☐ Dear friends: We have come together in the presence of God to witness the marriage of Jessica and Richard, to surround them with our prayers, and to share in their joy. The uniting of these two people in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy, for the help and comfort they give one another in prosperity and adversity, and that their love may be a blessing to all whom they encounter.

Let us now witness their promises to each other and surround them with our prayers, giving thanks to God for the gift of marriage and asking God’s blessing upon them, that they may be strengthened for their life together and nurtured in the love of God.



SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the assembly)*

“Let All Things Now Living”

HYMN 881

*Stanza 1 is sung before the reading.*

*Stanza 2 is sung following the reading.*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Response after the announcement: **☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.*

SERMON

*A brief silence follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*(standing)*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYMN 631

## *The Liturgy of Marriage*

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VOWS

*(seated)*

- P** Richard and Jessica, I invite you to declare your vows to one another.
- R** In the presence of God and this community, I take you, Jessica/Richard, to be my wife/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. I promise to be faithful to you, to love and to cherish you, and to forgive and to strengthen you, as long as we both shall live.

BLESSING OF RINGS

- P** 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 promise Jessica and Richard have made with each other; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**☩ Amen**

## GIVING OF RINGS

Jessica/Richard, I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

## ACCLAMATION

**P** Richard and Jessica, by their promises before God and in the presence of this assembly, have joined themselves to each other in marriage. Those whom God has joined together let no one separate.

**C Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## MARRIAGE BLESSING

*(all stand; the couple kneels at the altar)*

**P** 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 endure the cross for our sake, that we may have abundance of life.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing on Jessica and Richard. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let your love be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads.

Bless them so that their lives together may bear witness to your love. 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 forever in your heavenly home, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(kneeling)*

*After each petition:* **A** Gracious and faithful God, **C** **hear our prayer.**

*Response to the conclusion:* **C Amen**

## PEACE

*(standing)*

*Response:* **C And also with you.**

*You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.*

# The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR (seated)

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS (standing as the gifts are brought forward)

“Be Thou My Vision” HYMN 793

GREAT THANKSGIVING (standing) page 144

Sanctus page 144

Eucharistic Prayer

☞ Holy God, holy and mighty . . . we proclaim Christ’s death until he comes.

☞ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☞ With this bread and cup . . . sorrows will be no more.

☞ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☞ Send upon us . . . with all the world.

☞ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☞ Receive our praise . . . in your holy Church, now and forever.

☞ **Amen**

Lord’s Prayer

☞ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

☞ **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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

AT THE COMMUNION (seated)

*Receive the bread and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup. The bread is gluten-free. All who desire God’s grace in this meal are welcome.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.*

“Lamb of God” page 146

“This Is a Day, Lord, Gladly Awaited” HYMN 586

“Now Thank We All Our God” HYMN 840

“Ubi caritas et amor”

HYMN 642

COMMUNION BLESSING

*(standing)*

Response: **☩ Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray. Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. So strengthen us in your service that our daily lives may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**☩ Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of Sending*

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BLESSING

**P** God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**☩ Amen.**

DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

## WORSHIP LEADERS

|  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>Preacher &amp; Presiding Minister</b> | Pastor Joseph Crippen           |
| <b>Organist</b>                          | Robert Farlee                   |
| <b>Sacristan</b>                         | Gretchen Campbell-Johnson       |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>                | Kat Campbell Johnson            |
| <b>Crucifer</b>                          | Eric Zander                     |
| <b>Lector</b>                            | Charlotte Babington             |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                          | John Crippen, Elaine Halbardier |
| <b>Ushers</b>                            | Andrew Andersen                 |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                       | Jan Harbaugh, Mary Crippen      |
| <b>Livestream/Sound</b>                  | Jan Harbaugh / David Molvik     |

## WEDDING PARTY

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| <b>Bridesmaids</b> | Michelle Christy, <i>maid of honor</i> ; Kayla Gaynor; Emily Asp; Madelaine Taft-Ferguson; Erinn Riley |
| <b>Groomsmen</b>   | Gray McPherson, <i>best man</i> ; David Saas; Matthew Dischner; Ryan Bugas; Graham Tate                |



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