

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE
Louis & Jennifer

August 15, 2026
The Cathedral Church of Saint George



Mr. Louis Livingstone Chinnam
&
Ms. Jennifer Irene Davis

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7

Celebrant: The Reverend Gerald Moore

Entrance of Bridal Party

The people stand as able.

Processional Music: The Prince of Denmark’s March

The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage

The Gathering of the Community

The people remain standing. The bride and bridegroom stand before the celebrant.

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Dear friends, we have come together in the
presence of God to witness the marriage of *Louis* and
Jennifer, and to rejoice with them.

Marriage is a gift of God and a means of his grace,
in which man and woman become one flesh. It is
God’s purpose that, as husband and wife give
themselves to each other in love, they shall grow
together and be united in that love, as Christ is
united with his Church.

The union of man and woman in heart, body, and
mind is intended for their mutual comfort and help,
that they may know each other with delight and
tenderness in acts of love.

In marriage, husband and wife give themselves to
each other, to care for each other in good times and

in bad. They are linked to each other's families, and they begin a new life together in the community. It is a way of life that all should reverence, and none should lightly undertake.

If anyone present knows a reason why *Louis* and *Jennifer* may not lawfully marry, they must declare it now. *Louis* and *Jennifer*, if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

Louis and *Jennifer* have come to enter this holy state. They have complied with Civil and Canon Law and have been duly prepared to enter into marriage. They will each give their consent to the other; they will exchange solemn vows, and in token of this, they will (each) give and receive a ring.

We pray with them that by God's help they may fulfil his purpose for the whole of their earthly life together.

Celebrant

Let us pray,
God our Father,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law.
Grant to these your servants
that loving one another
they may continue in your love
until their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The people are seated.

The First Reading Ephesians 3:14-19 – *Rev. Aaron Birtch*

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading Romans 12:9-13 – *Rev. Stephen Rao*

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able for the hymn.

Hymn *Come thou fount of every blessing*

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.

Here I make faith's affirmation:
thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

The people remain standing for the Holy Gospel.

The Holy Gospel John 15:9-12 – *Rev. Ben Manickam*

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the conclusion of the reading,

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The people are seated.

Homily

The Wedding

The people stand as able.

Celebrant *Louis* will you give yourself to *Jennifer* to be her husband: to love her, comfort her, honour and protect her; and forsaking all others, to be faithful to her so long as you both shall live?

Bridegroom **I will.**

Celebrant *Jennifer* will you give yourself to *Louis* to be his wife: to love him, comfort him, honour and protect him; and forsaking all others, to be faithful to him so long as you both shall live?

Bride **I will.**

The celebrant addresses the following question to the families of the bride and bridegroom.

Celebrant Do you, members of the families of *Louis* and *Jennifer*, give your blessing to this marriage?

People **We do.**

The celebrant addresses the following to all present.

Celebrant You are the witnesses to these vows now being made. Will you do all in your power to support and uphold this marriage?

People **We will.**

The bride and bridegroom face each other and join hands.

Bridegroom I *Louis* take you *Jennifer* to be my 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
for the rest of our lives, according to God's holy law.
This is my solemn vow.

Bride I *Jennifer* take you *Louis* to be my 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
for the rest of our lives, according to God's holy law.
This is my solemn vow.

They loose hands.

The Blessing of Rings

The celebrant receives the ring(s) and addresses the congregation in these or similar words.

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, let us ask God to bless *these rings*, that *they* may be a symbol of the vow and covenant *Louis* and *Jennifer* have made this day.

Blessed are you, God of steadfast love, source of our joy and end of our hope. Bless *these rings* given and received that *it* may be a symbol of the vow and covenant *Louis* and *Jennifer* have made this day, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The bridegroom (and the bride in her turn) places the ring on the ring-finger of the other's hand and says,

N, I give you this ring
as a symbol of my vow.
With all that I am and all that I have,
I honour you in the name of God.

The bride and bridegroom join right hands.

Celebrant *Louis and Jennifer* have joined themselves to each other by solemn vows, signified by the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of a ring. I declare that they are husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

People **Amen.**

The Signing of the Register

Organ *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* – J.S. Bach

Hymn **Great is thy faithfulness**

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be:**

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand has provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love: *Refrain***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

The Prayers of the People

The people sit or kneel as they prefer.

Leader Let us pray.
Almighty God, in whom we live and move and
have our being, look graciously upon the world
which you have made and for which your Son gave

his life, and especially on all whom you make to be one flesh in holy marriage. May their lives together be a sacrament of your love to this broken world, so that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy overcome despair.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader May *Louis* and *Jennifer* so live together that the strength of their love may enrich our common life and become a sign of your faithfulness.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader May their home be a place of truth, security, and love; and their lives an example of concern for others.

People Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.

Leader May those who have witnessed these vows find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Blessing of the Marriage

The people stand as able.

The husband and wife kneel, and the celebrant says the following prayers:

Celebrant 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 this man and this woman. 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 our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

The husband and wife still kneeling, the celebrant adds this blessing.

Celebrant

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting.

People

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Recessional Music: *Wedding March* – Felix Mendelssohn

The Bridal Party

Maid of Honour

Laura Purdy

Bridesmaid

Emily Smith

Best Man

Jay Mucharla

Flower Girls

Hope Battista, Elena Battista & Josephine Smith

Ring Bearer

Elroi Bhargav

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