



The Wedding of Hope Tennenbaum and David Huston

June 6, 2020

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Canton, Texas

Entrance Music

Stand for the entrance of the bride

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God and before His Church to witness the union of this man and this woman in holy matrimony. This is an honorable estate instituted and blessed by God in Paradise, before humanity's fall into sin.

In marriage we see a picture of the communion between Christ and His bride, the Church. Our Lord blessed and honored marriage with His presence and first miracle at Cana in Galilee. This estate is also commended to us by the apostle Paul as good and honorable. Therefore, marriage is not to be entered into inadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for the mutual companionship, help, and support that each person ought to receive from the other, both in prosperity and adversity. Marriage was also ordained so that man and woman may find delight in one another. Therefore, all persons who marry shall take a spouse in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust, for God has not called us to impurity but in holiness. God also established marriage for the procreation of children who are to be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord so that they may offer Him their praise.

For these reasons God has established the holy estate that David and Hope wish to enter. They desire our prayers as they begin their marriage in the Lord's name and with His blessing.

The wedding party may be seated throughout.

P A reading from Genesis, the second chapter.

⁷then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens 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. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So 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. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then 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."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P A reading from Ephesians, the fifth chapter.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so 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. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P A reading from Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.

⁴He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh'? ⁶So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

860 Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing



1 Gra - cious Sav - ior, grant Your bless - ing To this
 2 Lord, if You are not the build - er, Then the
 3 Ca - na's guest, this u - nion hal - low; Ten - der -
 4 Make their love a liv - ing pic - ture Show - ing
 △ 5 Fa - ther, You cre - at - ed Ad - am, Craft - ed



hus - band and this wife, That in peace they
 house is built in vain, For a home with -
 ly em - brace this pair. Clothe this cou - ple
 how You loved Your bride: When You gave Your -
 Eve, and made them one; Je - sus, from their



live to - geth - er In Your love through - out their life.
 out Your pres - ence Shall with - out true love re - main.
 with the gar - ments They will dai - ly need to wear:
 self to cleanse her, When for her You bled and died.
 sin You saved us, As God's true in - car - nate Son;



Christ, de - fend them from the tempt - er And from
 Yet when You with - in a mar - riage Come and
 Pa - tience, kind - ness, and com - pas - sion, Gen - tle -
 Je - sus, You have made her ho - ly, Pure and
 Ho - ly Spir - it, You for - give us; From our



all that would de - stroy Love's foun - da - tion
 dwell with grace di - vine, There You fill the
 ness, hu - mil - i - ty; Robe them, Lord, with
 fair her ra - diant train; To Your - self, Your
 sins we are re - leased. Bring us, Lord, at



You have laid here, And its thresh - old paved with joy.
 emp - ty ves - sels, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
 love to bind them In a per - fect u - ni - ty.
 Church pre - sent - ing, With - out wrin - kle, spot, or stain.
 last to heav - en, To the end - less wed - ding feast.

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Sermon

The wedding party now stands and take their places before the chancel steps.

P David, will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together in the holy estate of matrimony as God ordained it? Will you nourish and cherish her as Christ loved His body, the Church, giving Himself up for her? Will you love, honor, and keep her in sickness and in health and, forsaking all others, remain united to her alone, so long as you both shall live? Then say: I will.

R *I will.*

P Hope, will you have this man to be your wedded husband, to live together in the holy estate of matrimony as God ordained it? Will you submit to him as the Church submits to Christ? Will you love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health and, forsaking all others, remain united to him alone, so long as you both shall live? Then say: I will.

R *I will.*

P Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

R *We do.*

I, David, take you, Hope, to be my 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 us do part, according to God's holy will; and I pledge to you my faithfulness.

I, Hope, take you, David, to be my 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 us do part, according to God's holy will; and I pledge to you my faithfulness.

The rings are presented to the pastor.

P Almighty Father, You have generously created all things to serve us for our good. Send Your blessing upon this couple who shall wear these ✝ rings as a constant reminder of their marital fidelity. Grant that by Your mercy they may live gladly and faithfully in this holy estate; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The bridegroom and bride exchange rings.

Receive this ring
as a pledge and token
of wedded love and faithfulness.

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The couple kneels.

P Now that David and Hope have committed themselves to each other in holy matrimony, have given themselves to each other by their solemn pledges, and have declared the same before God and these witnesses, I pronounce them to be husband and wife, in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P What God has joined together, let no one put asunder.

C **Amen.**

The pastor blesses the couple.

P The almighty and gracious God abundantly grant you His favor and sanctify and bless you with the blessing given to Adam and Eve in Paradise, that you may please Him in both body and soul and live together in holy love until your life's end.

C Amen.

Stand

P Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, our heavenly Father, grant that by Your blessing [name] and [name] may live together according to Your Word and promise. Strengthen them in faithfulness and love toward each other. Sustain and defend them in every trial and temptation. Help them to live in faith toward You, in the communion of Your holy Church, and in loving service to each other that they may ever enjoy Your heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P O God, our dwelling place in all generations, look with favor upon the homes of our land. Embrace husbands and wives, parents and children, in the arms of Your love, and grant that each, in reverence for Christ, fulfill the duties You have given. Bless our homes that they may ever be a shelter for the defenseless, a fortress for the tempted, a resting place for the weary, and a foretaste of our eternal home with You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

The wedding party departs in procession to the accompaniment of the hymn.

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash-ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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