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The following Music will be played on the Organ :—

PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN E FLAT *J. S. Bach*
ORGAN CONCERTO NO. 5 IN F MAJOR *G. F. Handel*
PSALM PRELUDE NO. 1 *Herbert Howells*
PRELUDE IN E FLAT *William Harris*

FANFARES *Arthur Bliss*

On the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen a Fanfare shall be sounded.

THE PROCESSION OF THE BRIDE.

On the arrival of the Bride a Fanfare shall be sounded and the hymn following shall be sung.

HOLY, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Amen.

THE FORM OF
SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY

¶ At the day and time appointed for solemnization of Matrimony, the persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church with their friends and neighbours: and there standing together, the Man on the right hand and the Woman on the left, THE DEAN shall say,

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God and in the face of this congregation, to join together this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God himself, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence, and first miracle that he wrought, in Cana of Galilee, and is commended in Holy Writ to be honourable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be enterprised, nor taken in hand, unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly; but reverently, discreetly, soberly, and in the fear of God, duly considering the causes for which Matrimony was ordained.

First, It was ordained for the increase of mankind according to the will of God, and that children might be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praise of his holy name.

Secondly, It was ordained in order that the natural instincts and affections, implanted by God, should be hallowed and directed aright; that those who are called of God to this holy estate, should continue therein in pureness of living.

Thirdly, It was ordained for the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity.

Into which holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined.

Therefore if any man can shew any just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

¶ *Then, speaking unto the persons that shall be married, THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY shall say,*

I REQUIRE and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that so many as are coupled together otherwise than God's word doth allow are not joined together by God; neither is their Matrimony lawful.

¶ *If no impediment be alleged, then shall the Archbishop say unto the Man,*

A NGUS JAMES BRUCE, wilt thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Man shall answer,*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the Archbishop say unto the Woman,*

A LEXANDRA HELEN ELIZABETH OLGA CHRISTABEL, wilt thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, and serve him, love, honour, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Woman shall answer,*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the Archbishop say,*

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

¶ *Then shall they give their troth to each other in this manner.*

The Archbishop, receiving the Woman at her friend's hands, shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and to say after him as followeth.

I ANGUS take thee ALEXANDRA to 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 ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

¶ Then shall they loose their hands; and the Woman, with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Archbishop,

I ALEXANDRA take thee ANGUS to 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, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

¶ Then shall they again loose their hands; and the Man shall give unto the Woman a ring, laying the same upon the book. And the Archbishop shall say a prayer for the blessing of the ring.

IN thy name, O Lord, we hallow and dedicate this ring, that by thy blessing he who gives it and she who wears it, keeping true faith the one to the other, may abide together in thy peace, continue together in thy favour, live together in thy love, and may finally dwell together in thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Archbishop, taking the ring, shall deliver it unto the Man to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. And the Man, holding the ring there, and taught by the Archbishop, shall say,

WITH this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee worship, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *Then the Man leaving the ring upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, they shall both kneel down; THE CONGREGATION SHALL REMAIN STANDING, and the Archbishop shall say,*

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, giver of all spiritual grace, the author of everlasting life : Send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy name ; that, living faithfully together, they may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, whereof this ring given and received is a token and pledge ; and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Archbishop join their right hands together, and say,*
Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

¶ *Then shall the Archbishop speak unto the people.*

FORASMUCH as ANGUS and ALEXANDRA have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth either to other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving of a ring, and by joining of hands; I pronounce that they be man and wife together, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ *And the Archbishop shall add this Blessing.*

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you ; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you ; and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Archbishop, followed by the Man and the Woman, go to the Lord's Table; this Psalm being sung.*

Psalm XXXVII, 3-7 Plainsong, with Fauxbourdons by *William McKie*

PUT thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good: dwell in the land,
and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thou in the Lord: and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him: and he shall
bring it to pass.

He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light: and thy just dealing
as the noon-day.

Hold thee still in the Lord: and abide patiently upon him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.

¶ *The Psalm ended, the people shall kneel, and the Man and the Woman kneeling before the Lord's Table, THE PRECENTOR standing at the Table, and turning his face towards them, shall say,*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Precentor. Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy
kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But
deliver us from evil. Amen.

Precentor. O Lord, save thy servant, and thy handmaid ;

Answer. Who put their trust in thee.

Precentor. O Lord, send them help from thy holy place ;

Answer. And evermore defend them.

Precentor. Be unto them a tower of strength;

Answer. From the face of their enemy.

Precentor. O Lord, hear our prayer ;

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

O GOD of our fathers, bless these thy servants, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts ; that whatsoever in thy holy Word they shall profitably learn, they may in deed fulfil the same ; that so, obeying thy will, and always being in safety under thy protection, they may abide in thy love unto their lives' end ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall THE DEAN say,*

O MERCIFUL Lord and heavenly Father, by whose gracious gift mankind is increased ; bestow, we beseech thee, upon these two persons the heritage and gift of children ; and grant that they may live together so long in godly love and honesty, that they may see their children christianly and virtuously brought up, to thy praise and honour ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast taught us that it should never be lawful to put asunder those whom thou by Matrimony hadst made one, and hast consecrated the state of Matrimony to such an excellent mystery, that in it is signified and represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church : Look mercifully upon these thy servants, that both this man may love his wife, according to thy Word (as Christ did love his spouse the Church, who gave himself for it, loving and cherishing it even as his own flesh), and also that this woman may be loving and amiable, and faithful to her husband, and in all quietness, sobriety, and peace, be a follower of holy and godly matrons. O Lord, bless them both, and grant them to inherit thy everlasting kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Pour upon you the riches of his grace, sanctify and bless you, that ye may please him both in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto your lives' end. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall be sung the following, the people still kneeling.

ANTHEM *Walford Davies*

GOD be in my head
and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes
and in my looking;
God be in my mouth
and in my speaking;
God be in my heart
and in my thinking;
God be at my end
and at my departing.

¶ The congregation shall be seated while the Thirteenth Chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians is read by the Rev. H. L. O. Rees, Vicar of Kensington.

¶ *Then shall be sung the following Hymn.*

LOVE divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

¶ *Then shall THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismiss those that are gathered together, saying,*

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments ; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

AMEN

Orlando Gibbons

¶ *A Fanfare shall be sounded and there shall be sung*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

GOD save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen :
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us :
God save the Queen.

¶ *During the signing of the Register the following will be sung.*

ANTHEM *Christopher Tye*

O COME, ye servants of the Lord,
And praise his holy name:
From early morn to setting sun,
His might on earth proclaim.

His laws are just, and glad the heart;
He makes his mercies known:
Ye princes, come, ye people too,
And bow before his throne.

ANTHEM *Thomas Weelkes*

GLORIA in excelsis Deo.
Sing, my soul, to God the Lord,
All in glory's highest key.
Lay the angels' choir abroad
In their highest holy day.
Crave thy God to tune thy heart
Unto praise's highest part. Amen.

ANTHEM *Handel*

WITH cheerful notes let all the earth
to heaven their voices raise.
Let all inspired with godly mirth sing solemn
hymns with praise.

¶ *After the signing of the Register a Fanfare shall be sounded and there shall be played*

TOCCATA IN F *Widor*
CROWN IMPERIAL *Walton*

The Processions of the Clergy, the Bride and Bridegroom,
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh,
and the Royal Family.

*Members of the Congregation are requested to remain in their places until
directed by the Ushers to leave the Abbey.*