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The following Music will be played on the Organ :—

FANTASIA IN G MAJOR	• • • • •	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
OVERTURE TO ' ARMINIUS '	• • • • •	<i>G. F. Handel</i>
CHACONNE	• • • • •	<i>Henry Purcell</i>
FLOURISH FOR AN OCCASION	• • • • •	<i>William Harris</i>
SARABAND—PROCESSIONAL	• • • • •	<i>William Harris</i>

FANFARES	• • • • •	<i>Arthur Bliss</i>
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THE PROCESSION OF THE BRIDE.

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

Christ is made the sure Foundation,
And the precious Corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated City,
Dearly loved by God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody:
God the One, and God the Trinal,
Singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day ;
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy people as they pray ;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they supplicate to gain ;
Here to have and hold for ever
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter in thy glory
With thy blessèd ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father ;
Laud and honour to the Son ;
Laud and honour to the Spirit ;
Ever Three and ever One ;
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run. 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 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 ANTONY CHARLES ROBERT and MARGARET ROSE 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 CXXI • • Plainsong, with Fauxbourdons by *William McKie*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand ;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

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*

ANTHEM *Franz Schubert*

THE Lord is my shepherd : I shall not want.
He maketh me to rest in green pastures : he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He giveth peace unto my soul : he leadeth me in paths of goodness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale of shadows, no evil will I fear : for thou art still with me ; thy rod and staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest here a table for me in the presence of mine enemies : my head with oil thou anointest ; my cup runneth over.
Yea, surely peace and mercy all my life shall follow me : and I will dwell with God for evermore.

¶ *The congregation shall remain seated while a portion of Scripture is read by the DEAN.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the following Hymn.*

IMMORTAL, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might ;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest—to both great and small ;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all ;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine Angels adore thee, all veiling their sight ;
All laud we would render : O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

¶ *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 *William Byrd*

I WILL not leave you comfortless, Alleluia.
I go and come again to you, Alleluia.
And your heart shall rejoice, Alleluia.

ANTHEM *Gustav Theodore Holst*

L ORD, who hast made us for thine own,
Hear as we sing before thy throne
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Accept thy children's reverent praise
For all thy wondrous works and ways.
Alleluia.

Waves, rolling in on every shore,
Pause at his footfall and adore.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Ye torrents rushing from the hills,
Bless him whose hand your fountains fills.
Alleluia.

Earth, ever through the power divine,
Seedtime and harvest shall be thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Sweet flowers that perfume all the air,
Thank him that he hath made you fair.
Alleluia.

Burn, lamps of night with constant flame,
Shine to the honour of his Name.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thou sun, whom all the lands obey,
Renew his praise from day to day.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

