

The Celebration & Blessing of our Marriage



Abigail Grace Jarrett & Jaime Daniel Barrow

Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 3:00 pm

The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, and the Métis peoples, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami / Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

We are pleased that you are able to come and witness the beginning of Abigail and Jaime's journey as husband and wife. This celebration is an act of worship, and we invite you to enter into it with both reverence and joy. Throughout the liturgy, there are moments for active participation. **All spoken responses are printed in bold.**

**Please ensure that cell phones are muted.
Photography is not permitted during the liturgy.**

Participants

Bride & Groom
Maid of Honour
Bestman
Parents of the Bride
Parents of the Groom

*Abigail Jarrett & Jaime Barrow
Rachna Patel
Shervid Sandiford
Gordon (late) & Janice Jarrett
Michael & Joan Barrow*

Other Ministers

Presider
Homilist
Assisting Priest
Deacon
Readers
Organist
Sung by
Trumpeter
Bell Ringer

*The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields
The Right Reverend Peter Fenty
The Reverend Dr. Ravi Kalison
The Reverend Canon Jacquie Bouthéon
Michael Barrow & Leonora Benjamin
Ian Sadler
The Choir of St. James Cathedral
Jan Morgan
Annie Odom*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider Dear Friends, we have come together in the presence of God to witness the marriage of *Abigail and Jaime*, and to rejoice with them.

Marriage is a gift of God and a means of his grace, in which two people become one flesh. It is God's purpose that, as two people 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 two people 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 and that they may be blessed in the procreation, care, and upbringing of children.

In marriage, two people give themselves to each other, to care for each other in good times and 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 *Abigail and Jaime* may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

Abigail and Jaime, if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

Abigail and Jaime 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.

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, *Abigail and Jaime*, that loving one another they may continue in your love until their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading – Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12

Michael Barrow

Reader A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

Chant: Bairstow

Choir

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations
upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Leonora Benjamin

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give

away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Tune: Blaenwern

All Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry 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 host 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 Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

The Holy Gospel – John 15: 9-12

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Deacon As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

The Right Reverend Peter Fenty

Anthem This is the Day

John Rutter

The Wedding

Presider *Jaime*, will you give yourself to *Abigail* 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?

Response I will.

Presider *Abigail*, will you give yourself to *Jaime* 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?

Response I will.

Addressing the families

Presider Do you, members of the families of *Abigail and Jaime*, give your blessing to this marriage?

Response **We do.**

Addressing the congregation

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

Response **We will.**

The couple face each other and join hands

Groom I, *Jaime*, take you, *Abigail*, 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, *Abigail*, take you, *Jaime*, 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 presider receives the rings and addresses the congregation

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

The congregation prays in silence, then the presider says

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

All **Amen.**

The groom takes the bride's ring, places it on her finger and says

Groom *Abigail*, 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. Amen.

The bride takes the groom's ring, places it on his finger and says

Bride *Jaime*, 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. Amen.

The presider takes the hands of the couple, ties them in the nuptial knot and says

Presider *Abigail and Jaime* have joined themselves to each other by solemn vows, signified by the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings. 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.
All **Amen.**

The Prayers

The Reverend Dr. Ravi Kalison

Leader Let us pray.
Almighty God, in whom we live and have our being, look graciously upon the world you have made and for which your Son gave his life, and especially on all 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. Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader May *Abigail and Jaime* so live together that the strength of their love may enrich our common life and become a sign of your faithfulness. Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader May they receive the gift and heritage of children and the grace to bring them up to know and love you. Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

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

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader May those who have witnessed these vows find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed. Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

The Nuptial Blessing

Presider 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 *Abigail and Jaime* 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.

All **Amen.**

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Signing of the Register Eternal Source of Light Divine

G. F. Handel

Soloist: Catharine Sadler, Trumpeter: Jan Morgan

Offertory Hymn

Tune: Down Ampney

All Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayers of the Gifts

Presider God of the covenant, hear our prayer and accept all we offer you this day. May the mystery of Christ's unselfish love, which we celebrate in this eucharist, increase our love for you and for each other; through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise in the assembly of your people. You made us in your image: male and female you created us. You give us the gift of marriage and call us to reflect your faithfulness as we serve one another in the bond of covenant love. Therefore we raise our voices, with all who have served you in every age, to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Harold Darke

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen. Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest. Amen.

Presider Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

All **We praise you, O God.**

Presider Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

All **We bless you, O God.**

Presider We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

All **We thank you, O God.**

Presider In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Presider We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering, within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All **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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Angus Dei

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.

If you choose not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

Communion Music Canon in D Major

J. Pachelbel

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious God, may *Abigail and Jaime*, who have been bound together in these holy mysteries, become one in heart and soul. May they live in fidelity and peace and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

The Blessing

Presider God, the holy and undivided Trinity, bless, preserve, and keep you, and mercifully grant you rich and boundless grace, that you may please God in body and soul. God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and bring you at last to the delight of the heavenly banquet; and the blessing of God Almighty, the One who loves us, the One who liberates us, and the One who leads us into all truth, be with you now and always.

All **Amen.**

The priest presents the newlyweds to the congregation.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Toccata (Symphony No. 5)

C. M. Widor

Guests invited to the reception are kindly asked to make their way to the Cathedral Event Venue at this time, exiting through the south-west door.

*We are deeply grateful for your presence
as we celebrate this special day.
Abigail & Jaime*

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