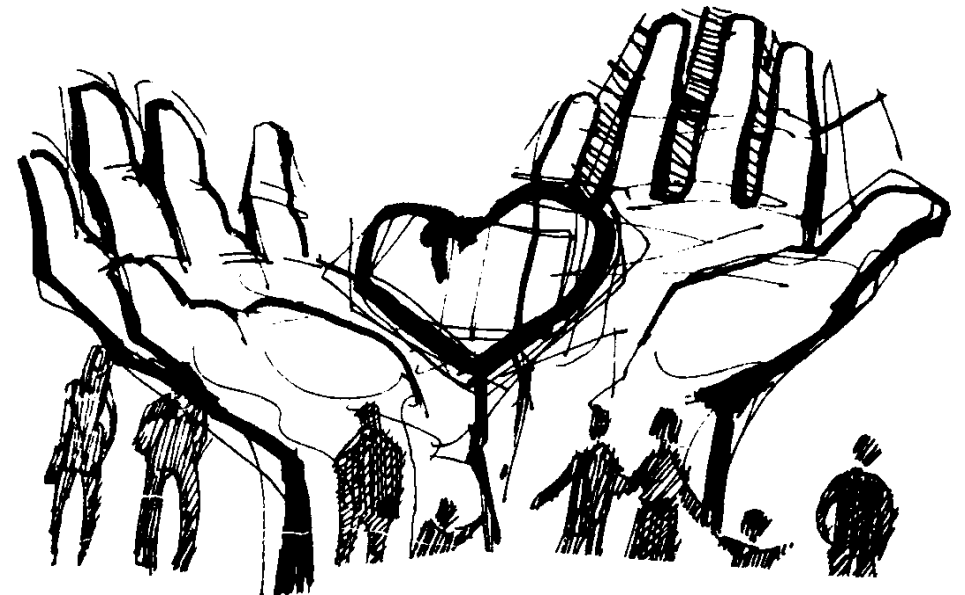


**The Celebration and Blessing of Marriage
between**

Melissa Anne Cidade

&

Tobias Abrem Harkleroad



Saturday, August Second, Two Thousand Three

**Christ Church
New Brighton, Pennsylvania**

Melissa and Tobias will be assisted in their wedding rite by:

The Church's Ministers

Reverend Langdon Pergram, MD
Vicar, Christ Church, New Brighton, Pennsylvania

Reverend Gary Wegner, ofm Capuchin
Instructor, St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin

The Bride's Parents

Mr. & Mrs. Eduardo and Selina Cidade

The Bride's Grandmothers

Mrs. Leta Downs
Mrs. Emma Cidade

The Groom's Parents

Ms. Keren Kudelko
Mr. Kenneth Harkleroad

The Bride's Witness and Attendants

Starli Klobetanz
June Loewy
Sydney Harkleroad

The Groom's Witness and Attendants

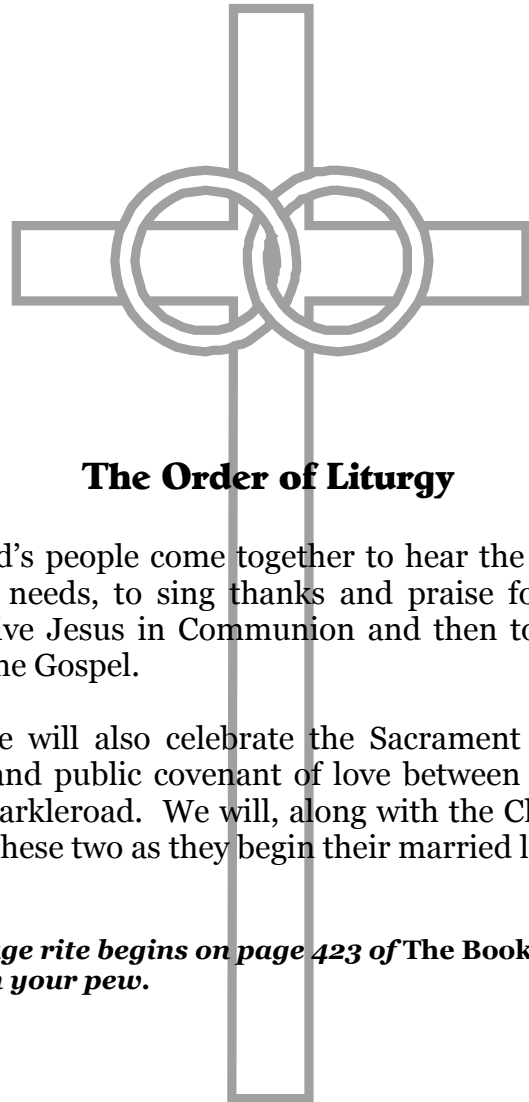
Joshua Harkleroad
Eduardo Cidade II
Dominick Mireles

The Flower Bearer

Nisa Copper

The Ring Bearer

Logan Stazewski



The Order of Liturgy

At the Eucharist, God's people come together to hear the Word of the Lord, to pray for the world's needs, to sing thanks and praise for God's creative and saving work, to receive Jesus in Communion and then to be sent forth in the Spirit as apostles of the Gospel.

At this Eucharist, we will also celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony as we witness the solemn and public covenant of love between Melissa Anne Cidade and Tobias Abrem Harkleroad. We will, along with the Church's ministers, ask God's blessing upon these two as they begin their married life together.

The text of the marriage rite begins on page 423 of The Book of Common Prayer, which can be found in your pew.

The celebration will begin with a gathering hymn during which the ministers and the wedding party will enter the church. Please join in singing:

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen (GIA – used with permission)

Verse 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell,
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;

REFRAIN All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Verse 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Verse 3 Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground,
Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space:
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Instrumental At this time Melissa will enter the church to an instrumental verse

Verse 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Verse 5 Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter

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The Declaration of Consent

When the ministers and the wedding couple have assembled at the foot of the sanctuary, Vicar Lang will greet all those assembled and Fr. Gary will seek the Declaration of Consent from Melissa and Tobias. Once the wedding couple has declared their consent the congregation will be asked.

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

All should respond **We will.**

The Ministry of the Word

Once the wedding couple has declared their consent and the congregation has promised to assist them in their sacred vows, we turn to the Word of God with readings from the Sacred Scriptures and responses in prayer and praise. This section of the celebration begins with an invocation by Vicar Lang who will say:

The Lord be with you.

All should respond: **And also with you.**

A prayer will follow. At the end of the prayer, all should respond **AMEN**. Then all may be seated until the Gospel reading.

The Hebrew Scripture Reading is A Reading from the Song of Solomon

Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7

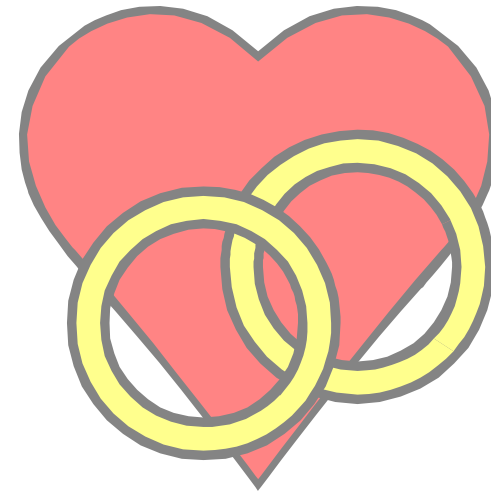
Read by Eduardo Cidade II , Melissa's brother

¹⁰My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; ¹¹for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. ¹²The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. ¹³The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. ⁶Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. ⁷Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned.

After the Reading, the Reader will say:

The Word of the Lord.

All should respond: **Thanks be to God.**



**The Responsorial Psalm is
Psalm 127**

Led by John Downs II, Melissa's uncle

This Psalm will be recited in the responsorial style. The leader will recite the first half of each verse and the congregation should respond by reciting the second half of the verse.

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house,

All: **their labor is in vain who build it.**

Leader: Unless the Lord watches over the city,

All: **in vain the watchman keeps the vigil.**

Leader: It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late;

All: **vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for He gives sleep to His beloved.**

Leader: Children are a heritage from the Lord,

All: **and the fruit of the womb is a gift.**

Leader: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior

All: **are the children of one's youth.**

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

All: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever,
AMEN.**

**The Epistle Reading is
A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians**

Colossians 3:12-17

Read by Dominick Mireles, Tobias' nephew

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

After the Reading, the Reader will say:

The Word of the Lord.

All should respond: **Thanks be to God.**



All should rise for the proclamation of the Gospel.

**The Gospel Reading is
A Reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Matthew**

Matthew 7:21,24-29

Proclaimed by Fr. Gary Wegner

All should respond: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²¹ 'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²⁴'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!' ²⁸Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

After the Gospel, Fr. Gary will say:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All should respond: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

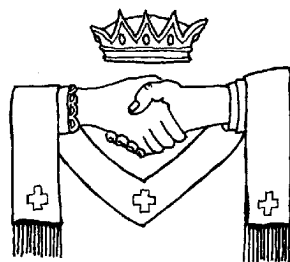
After the response, Vicar Lang will deliver a homily. All may be seated during the homily.



**The house built on a solid foundation
will stand firm against all trials**

The Marriage

After the homily the ministers, the wedding couple, and their witnesses will approach the altar. At the altar the couple will profess their vows to each other before God, the Church's ministers, and all those assembled.



The Petitions of the Faithful

After the exchange of vows, Vicar Lang and Fr. Gary will offer petitions to God for Melissa and Tobias and their new marriage. The congregation should respond to each petition with:
AMEN.

The Blessing of the Marriage

After the petitions Vicar Lang and Fr. Gary will bestow the Church's official blessings upon Melissa and Tobias.

The Peace

To conclude the Ministry of the Word, Vicar Lang will offer all the Lord's peace by saying:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All should respond: **And also with you.***

She will then invite all to share that peace with one another. Please then greet those around you with a handshake and the words "Peace be with you," or some other signs of peace. Melissa and Tobias will offer the sign of peace to their immediate families.

The Eucharist

The Service of Holy Communion follows, in which we remember what God the Father has done for us in history, God the Son's work in giving us an everlasting relationship to the Creator of the universe and as we invite the presence of God the Holy Spirit into the bread and wine and into the people who are present. We believe that Christ is really present in the action of receiving communion and we extend a warm invitation of the privilege of receiving God in the Holy Communion to all baptized Christians.

At the beginning of this section of the celebration, gifts of bread and wine, and an offering of money to be given to the parish soup kitchen will be brought to the sanctuary by John Downs II, Melissa's uncle, Kimberly Harkleroad, and Marjorie Mireles, Tobias' sisters

While the gifts are being presented and the altar is prepared for the Eucharist, we will sing an offertory hymn.

Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here

Russell Schulz-Widmar (*The Hymnal 1982* – used with permission)

Verse 1	Your love, O God, has called us here, for all love finds its source in you, the perfect love that casts out fear, the love that Christ makes ever new.
Verse 2	O Gracious God, you consecrate all that is lovely, good, and true. Bless those who in your presence wait and every day their love renew.
Verse 3	O God of love inspire our life, reveal your will in all we do; join every husband, every wife; in mutual love and love for you.

*The text for Eucharist Prayer (D) begins on **page 372** of The Book of Common Prayer. Please follow along.*

About Receiving Holy Communion

All baptized and believing Christians are invited to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. To do so, kneel or stand at the altar rail, place your right hand on your left and lift your hands, palms up, towards the celebrant as she approaches with the bread. When the chalice bearer approaches, lightly grasp the base of the chalice and help guide it to your lips. Should you prefer not to sip from the chalice, you may dip a small portion of bread into the wine. Should you not wish to receive communion, you may still approach the altar rail for a prayer of blessing. To do this, kneel or stand at the rail and cross your arms over your chest. When the celebrant approaches, she will make the sign of the cross on your forehead and offer the blessing.

During Communion we will sing the following hymn:

We are Many Parts

Marty Haugen (GIA – used with permission)

REFRAIN	We are many parts, we are all one body, And the gifts we have are given to share. May the spirit of Love make us One indeed, One, the Love that we share, One, our Hope in despair, One the Cross that we bear.
Verse 1	God of all, we look to you, We would be your servants true, Let us be your love to all the world.
Verse 2	So my pain is pain for you, In your joy is my joy too. All is brought together in the Lord.
Verse 3	All you seekers great and small, Seek the greatest gift of all, If you love, then you will know the Lord.

After Communion, Vicar Lang will say

Let us pray.

All should pray the following post-communion prayer together

**O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious:
We give you thanks for binding us together in these holy
mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ
Grant that by your Holy Spirit, *Melissa* and *Tobias*, now joined in Holy
Matrimony, may become one in heart and soul, live in fidelity
and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who
love you; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen***

*Fr. Gary will then offer a blessing on Melissa and Tobias, as well as all assembled.
Vicar Lang will then say:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All should respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We will sing the following hymn of thanksgiving as a recessional as the wedding party and the ministers exit the church:

Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinkart (*The Hymnal 1982* – used with permission)

Verse 1	Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
Verse 2	O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; And keep still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; And free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
Verse 3	All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; The Son and Him Who reigns with Them in highest heaven; The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Melissa & Toby's prayer as they begin their life together

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
...where there is injury, pardon;
...where there is doubt, faith;
...where there is despair, hope;
...where there is darkness, light;
...where there is sadness, joy;*

*O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek
...to be consoled as to console;
...to be understood as to understand;
...to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
...it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
...and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life*



Reception to follow at the
Connoquenessing Country Club

DIRECTIONS	DISTANCE
1: Starting out in front of Christ Church going Northwest on 3RD AVE toward 12TH ST.	
2: Turn RIGHT onto 12TH ST. (first right after church)	Go 0.29 miles
3: Turn LEFT onto PENN AVE.	Go 0.67 miles
4: Turn RIGHT onto MERCER AVE/ PA-65. Continue to follow PA-65 until you see the country club on your right side (there will also be a castle-like building across the street on your left).	Go 7.40 miles

Melissa and Toby, along with their families, wish to thank you for celebrating this sacred event with them. Your prayers and warm wishes will surely help them to begin their marriage with strength and happiness.

*Thank
You!*

A special note:

Please help Melissa and Toby remember those who are less fortunate by joining the couple, and their families, in offering a donation to the Christ Church Soup Kitchen, which serves the needy of this area.

A collection basket is located at the rear of the church, it will be carried up along with the gifts of bread and wine at the offertory. Any donation you wish to make is voluntary and will be greatly appreciated.

Your offering will help Melissa and Toby begin their lives together by reminding them of Christ's command to love all!

Where we're going, what we'll be doing ...

Melissa and Toby's new home is in metropolitan Washington, DC. Their address and phone number is:

**1521 Ray Road #103
Hyattsville, MD 20782**

(301) 559-2678

Beginning this fall, Melissa will be attending The Catholic University of America, in Washington, DC, as a graduate student in Sociology. She will also be working as a research assistant at Catholic University's Life Cycle Institute.

Toby will be teaching Social Studies in the Prince George's County Maryland Public Schools.