

Nuptial Mass for the marriage of

Alice Elizabeth Whalley

to

Harry William David Smith



Saturday, 19th September 2020
St James's Church, Spanish Place

1pm

“God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator's eyes. And this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church, §1604

Welcome to our wedding! This booklet contains everything you need to follow the service; the rubrics in red give directions, and responses in bold type are spoken by the whole congregation.

Please follow directions in the church that relate to Covid-19, including the seats that are available for you to sit in, one way systems, and use of hand sanitizer. In particular, please take a red sheet from the back of the church and leave it on your seat so that it can be cleaned after the wedding.

We have wonderful photographers, so ask that you leave the taking of photographs to them. Please also ensure that your mobile phones won't make a noise.

We are thrilled to have your children join us for our wedding. We understand that keeping them quiet may be hard, and we don't mind a bit if they are other than silent! Please make use of the activity packs provided, which contain some bubbles for them to blow outside afterwards.

Organ

Rhapsody No. 3 in C sharp minor
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Please stand when the bell rings. The altar party enters, followed by the bride.

Choir

My Beloved Spake
Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

*My beloved spake, and said unto me,
rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.
The fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.*

Song of Songs 2:1-13

Admonition and Scrutiny

The priest shall say:

Deearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God and in the presence of this congregation, to witness the joining together of 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 one can show any just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

Speaking to the persons that shall be married the priest shall say:

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

The groom shall say:

I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, Henry William David Smith, may not be joined in Matrimony to Alice Elizabeth Whalley.

The bride shall then say:

I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, Alice Elizabeth Whalley, may not be joined in Matrimony to Henry William David Smith.

At which day of Marriage, if anyone does allege and declare any impediment, why they may not be coupled together in Matrimony, by God's law, or by the laws of the nation, then the solemnization must be deferred, until such time as the truth be ascertained.

If no impediment has been alleged, Mass begins.

Introit

Choir

Deus Israël coniungat vos: et ipse sit vobiscum, qui misertus est duobus unicis: et nunc, Domine, fac eos plenius benedicere te. Beati omnes qui timent Dominum: qui ambulant in viis ejus.

The God of Israel make you one: and may he be with you even as he had mercy of two that were the only begotten of their fathers; grant them mercy O Lord, and finish their life in health with joy. Blessed are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in his ways.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with thy spirit.

Please sit.

Choir

*Mass in G major, D. 167
Franz Schubert (1797-1828)*

Kyrie Eleison

*Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison
Kyrie Eleison.*

*Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.*

Gloria

Please stand as the priest intones the Gloria, then sit along with the altar party.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonæ
voluntatis.*

*Glory be to God on high
and in earth peace, goodwill
towards men.*

*Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy
great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.*

*Domine Fili unigenite,
Iesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe
deprecationem nostram.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away
the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away
the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away
the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.*

*Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto
Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.*

*Thou that sittest at the right
hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

Collect

Please stand.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named: sanctify and bless these thy servants; and grant that those whom thou by Matrimony dost make one, may steadfastly keep the covenant betwixt them made, and ever remain in perfect love and peace together; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the readings.

When the door was shut and the two were alone, Tobias got up from the bed and said, “Sister, get up, and let us pray that the Lord may have mercy upon us.” And Tobias began to pray,

“Blessed art thou, O God of our fathers,
and blessed be thy holy and glorious name for ever.

Let the heavens and all thy creatures bless thee.

Thou madest Adam and gavest him Eve his wife
as a helper and support.

From them the race of mankind has sprung.

Thou didst say, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone;
let us make a helper for him like himself.’

And now, O Lord, I am not taking this sister of mine because of lust, but with sincerity. Grant that I may find mercy and may grow old together with her.” And she said with him, “Amen.”

Tobit 8:4-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Choir

*Uxor tua sicut vitis abundans in
lateribus domus tuæ.*

*Filii tui sicut novellæ olivarum
in circuitu mensæ tuæ.*

*Thy wife shall be as a fruitful
vine on the sides of thy house.*

*Thy children as olive plants
round about thy table.*

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 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.

Colossians 3:12-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Choir

Alleluia, alleluia. Mittat vobis Dominus auxilium de sancto: et de Sion tueatur vos. Alleluia. Benedicat vobis Dominus ex Sion: qui fecit cœlum et terram. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord send you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Sion. Alleluia. May the Lord out of Sion bless you: who hath made heaven and earth. Alleluia.

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily

Please sit for the homily.

Solemnisation of Holy Matrimony

Profession of Intention

With the couple standing before him, the priest shall say to the man:

Harry, wilt thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together according to 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 you both shall live?

The man shall answer:

I will.

The priest shall then say to the woman:

Alice, wilt thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together according to God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as you both shall live?

The woman shall answer:

I will.

The priest shall then say to the man:

Harry, wilt thou, with her, accept lovingly from God the children with which he will deign to bless you, and nurture and educate them in accordance with the law of God and of his holy Church?

The man shall answer:

I will.

The priest shall then say to the woman:

Alice, wilt thou, with him, accept lovingly from God the children with which he will deign to bless you, and nurture and educate them in accordance with the law of God and of his holy Church?

The woman shall answer:

I will.

The priest receives the woman at her father's hand and says:

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

Exchange of Consent

The man and the woman shall give their troth to each other in this manner.

The priest shall cause the man with his right hand to take the woman by her right hand, and to say after him as follows:

I, Henry William David Smith, take thee, Alice Elizabeth Whalley, 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 law; 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 priest these vows:

I, Alice Elizabeth Whalley, take thee, Henry William David Smith, 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 and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy law; and thereto I give thee my troth.

Then the priest says:

In the sight of God and in the presence of this congregation, I witness and receive the consent of this couple in the name of the Church.

Then they shall again loose their hands.

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

The rings shall be passed to the priest for blessing. The priest shall say:

Bless, ✠ O Lord, these rings, and grant that they who give and receive them may remain faithful to each other, and abide in thy peace and favour, and live together in love until their lives' end. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

He sprinkles the rings with holy water.

And the priest, taking the ring, shall give it to 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 priest, shall say:

With this ring I thee wed; with my body I thee worship; and all my worldly goods with thee I share: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Likewise, the woman receives the ring for the bridegroom and shall put it on her husband's ring finger, saying:

With this ring I thee wed; with my body I thee worship; and all my worldly goods with thee I share: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then they shall both kneel down, but the people shall remain standing.
Then shall the priest join their right hands together, and say:*

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Then shall the priest say to the people:

Forasmuch as Harry and Alice 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 rings, 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 Spirit. Amen.

Please sit for the Signing of the Registers.

Choir

Salve Regina

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*Salve Regina,
Mater misericordiæ,
vita, dulcedo,
et spes nostra, salve.
At te clamamus
exsules filii Hevæ,
Ad te suspiramus,
gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum
ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia,
O dulcis Virgo Maria.*

*Hail holy Queen,
Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life,
our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this
vale of tears.
Turn then, most
gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us;
And after this our exile show
unto us the blessed fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.*

Offertory

Choir

*Set me as a seal upon thine heart
William Walton (1902-1983)*

*Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm:
for love is strong as death; many waters cannot quench love, neither
can the floods drown it.*

Song of Songs 8:6-7

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God, the Father almighty.

Please stand to respond:

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands, for the
praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of
all his holy Church.**

O Lord, we beseech thee, to accept this gift which, as ordained by thy holy law of Matrimony, we present unto thee; and grant that this work begun by the bounty of thy goodness, may in all things be disposed according to thy will; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because in the love of husband and wife, thou hast given us an image of the union of thy Son Jesus Christ with the heavenly Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her bridegroom, who loveth her and gave himself for her, that he might renew the whole creation. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying:

Please kneel.

Choir

Sanctus and Benedictus

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth
are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee,
O Lord most high.*

*Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

After the prayers of consecration the following acclamation is said:

The mystery of faith:

**O Saviour of the world,
who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us:
save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

The prayer continues, leading into the doxology:

By whom and with whom and in whom, to thee, O Father
almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory
throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen.

The Communion Rite

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are
bold to say:

Choir

Notre Père, op. 14

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

*Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite sur la
terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre
pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi à
ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas
entrer en tentation
mais délivre-nous du Mal.
Amen.*

*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
that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.*

Nuptial Blessing

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 the rings given and received are tokens and pledge; and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O Almighty God, Creator of mankind, who only art the wellspring of life; bestow upon these thy servants, if it be thy will, the gift and heritage of children; and grant that they may see their children brought up in thy faith and fear, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church; look mercifully upon these thy servants, that they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Peace

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to her peace and unity according to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

The people say together:

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

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The priest receives communion, followed by the bride and groom. Roman Catholics in a state of grace are welcome to receive Holy Communion in one kind, given in the hand. All are welcome to receive a blessing.

During the distribution of Holy Communion, the choir sings:

Choir

Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest
away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest
away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest
away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

After Communion, silence may be kept.

Then the priest standing and the people kneeling shall say the following:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech thee, let thy gracious favour accompany the ordinance of thy Providence: that those whom thou hast joined in lawful wedlock; may by thy protection live in lasting peace; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The priest shall bless the couple, saying:

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 so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that you may so live together in this life, that in the world to come you may have life everlasting. Amen.

The priest shall bless the congregation, saying:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

The bride and groom leave the church to the accompaniment of the organ voluntary. The congregation remain standing as the altar party retires.

Organ

*Sortie in E-flat
Louis-James-Alfred Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)*

Please make your way out of the George Street entrance to the church, where you will be given some confetti, and wait on the steps for the bride and groom.



