



The Blessing of the Marriage of

Patrick Harrison  
& Majd Daghlas

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 2:30pm  
St Margaret's, Putney



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PUTNEY

*Please stand for the entrance of the bride.*

*Entrance music from Me Before You by Craig Armstrong (b. 1959)*

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

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

*All*     **And also with you.**

God is love, and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.

*Words of welcome may follow.*

God our Father,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law;  
grant to your servants Patrick and Majd  
that, loving one another,  
they may continue in your love until their lives' end;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*     **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

**O Lord, my God,  
when I, in awesome wonder,  
consider all the works  
thy hand has made,  
I see the stars,  
I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout  
the universe displayed.**

*Then sings my soul,  
my Saviour God, to thee:  
how great thou art,  
how great thou art.  
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my Saviour God, to thee:  
how great thou art,  
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**When through the woods  
and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds  
sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down  
from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook  
and feel the gentle breeze.**

**When Christ shall come  
with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home,  
what joy shall fill my heart;  
then I shall bow  
in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim:  
my God, how great thou art.**

*Karl Boberg 1958-1940*

*Trans Stuart K Hine 1899-1989*

*Swedish folk melody*

## **THE PREFACE**

*Please be seated.*

We have come together in the presence of God  
to give thanks with Patrick and Majd  
for their married life,  
to rejoice together and to ask for God's blessing.  
As our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a guest  
at the wedding in Cana of Galilee,  
so through his Spirit he is with us now.  
Marriage is a gift of God in creation  
and a means of his grace;  
it is given that a husband and wife  
may comfort and help each other,  
living faithfully together  
in times of need as well as in plenty,  
in sadness and in joy, in sickness and in health;  
it is given that with delight and tenderness  
they may know each other in love.  
In marriage a couple belong together  
and live life in the community;  
it is a way of life created and hallowed by God,  
that all should honour.  
Therefore we pray with them  
that, strengthened and guided by God,  
they may continue to fulfil his purpose for their life together.

### **These I Can Promise**

*By Mark Twain (1835-1910), read by Jenny Harrison*

I cannot promise you a life of sunshine;  
I cannot promise riches, wealth, or gold;  
I cannot promise you an easy pathway  
That leads away from change or growing old.  
But I can promise all my heart's devotion;  
A smile to chase away your tears of sorrow;  
A love that's ever true and ever growing;  
A hand to hold in yours through each tomorrow.

### **All My Love**

*By George Ezra*

### **Philippians 4:4-9**

*Read by Mike Harrison*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*The reader concludes:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

**THE WEDDING ADDRESS**

*The Revd Dr Brutus Green*

*Please stand for the hymn:*

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best,  
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know.  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase  
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.**

*THAXTED*

*Sir C. Spring Rice 1859-1918*

*G. Holst 1874-1934*

## **THE VOWS**

*Please be seated.*

Patrick and Majd,  
I now invite you to join hands and make your vows,  
in the presence of God and his people.

*Husband and wife face each other and hold hands.*

I, Patrick, take you, Majd,  
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,  
till death us do part; according to God's holy law.  
In the presence of God I make this vow.

I, Majd, take you, Patrick,  
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, till death us do part;  
according to God's holy law.  
In the presence of God I make this vow.

*The priest says to the congregation:*

Will you, the family and friends of Patrick and Majd,  
continue to support and uphold them  
in their marriage now and in the years to come?

*All*      **We will.**

## **THE BLESSING OF THE RINGS**

*The husband holds the left hand of his wife and says:*

Majd, I gave you this ring  
as a sign of our marriage.  
With my body I honour you,  
all that I am I give to you,  
and all that I have I share with you,  
within the love of God.

*The wife does likewise saying:*

Patrick, I gave you this ring  
as a sign of our marriage.  
With my body I honour you,  
all that I am I give to you,  
and all that I have I share with you,  
within the love of God.

## **BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve and keep you;  
the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace,  
that you may please him both in body and soul,  
and, living together in faith and love,  
may receive the blessings of eternal life.

*All*     **Amen.**

Blessed are you, heavenly Father.

*All*     **You give joy to husband and wife.**

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*All*     **You have brought new life to mankind.**

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit of God.

*All*     **You bring us together in love.**

Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All*     **One God, to be praised for ever. Amen.**

*Husband and wife return to their seats.*

***I Got You Babe***

*By Sonny Bono (1935-1998)*

**INTERCESSIONS**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we lift up our hearts to you  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him you have made a covenant of grace with your people  
by the outpouring of your Holy Spirit.

We praise you for the gift of marriage  
in which the love of husband and wife is brought together  
and reflects your plan of love for the world.

We thank you today for Patrick and Majd,  
and for leading them to each other  
in friendship and love, commitment and trust,  
and for bringing them here for the blessing of their marriage.

Living God,  
by the presence of your Holy Spirit,  
may they know the risen Christ to be with them now,  
as they celebrate this covenant together.  
May their lives be a witness to your saving love  
in this troubled world.

As you pour out your love,  
may they grow together in your sight,  
and each be to the other  
a companion in joy, a comfort in sorrow and a strength in need.  
As you blessed the earthly home at Nazareth  
with the presence of your Son,  
may their home be a place of security and peace.

And bring us all at the last  
to that great marriage banquet of your Son  
in our home in heaven,  
where, with all your saints and angels,  
in the glory of your presence,  
we will for ever praise you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

*All* **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 who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Please stand for the hymn:*

**And did those feet in ancient time  
walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
on England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
among those dark satanic mills?**

**Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
till we have built Jerusalem  
in England's green and pleasant land.**

*JERUSALEM*

*William Blake 1757-1827*

*Charles Hubert Hastings Parry 1848-1918*

## **THE BLESSING**

*Given by Oscar Silver and Drew Kemp*

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.  
May God be with you and bless you;  
May you see your children's children.  
May you be poor in misfortune,  
Rich in blessings,  
May you know nothing but happiness  
From this day forward.  
May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back  
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home  
And may the hand of a friend always be near.  
May green be the grass you walk on,  
May blue be the skies above you,  
May pure be the joys that surround you,  
May true be the hearts that love you.

*All*

**Amen.**

## **FINAL VOLUNTARY**

*Everywhere by Fleetwood Mac*