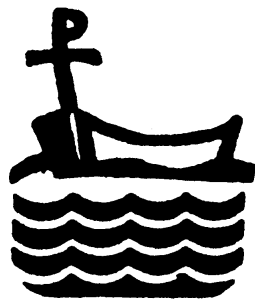


The Celebration and Blessing
of the Relationship of
Scott A. Crispell
and
Neil A. Malmquist



Saturday, January 15, 2011
Two o'clock in the afternoon
All Souls' Episcopal Church
San Diego, California

We have been looking forward to this day for a long time and are glad that you are here to be a part of it. In 1987 we had our home blessed and now 23 years later the church is able to bless our relationship directly.

VOLUNTARIES

Canzon in G	Heinrich Scheidemann c.1596-1663
Voluntary No. 1	William Walond c.1725-1770
Concerto per la Chiesa del Signor Telemann	arr. Johann Gottfried Walther 1684-1748
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All stand as the Procession enters.

HYMN 390 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Lobe den Herrem

Celebrant: Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God:

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Beloved, let us love one another,

People: **For love is of God.**

Celebrant: Whoever does not love does not know God;

People: **For God is love.**

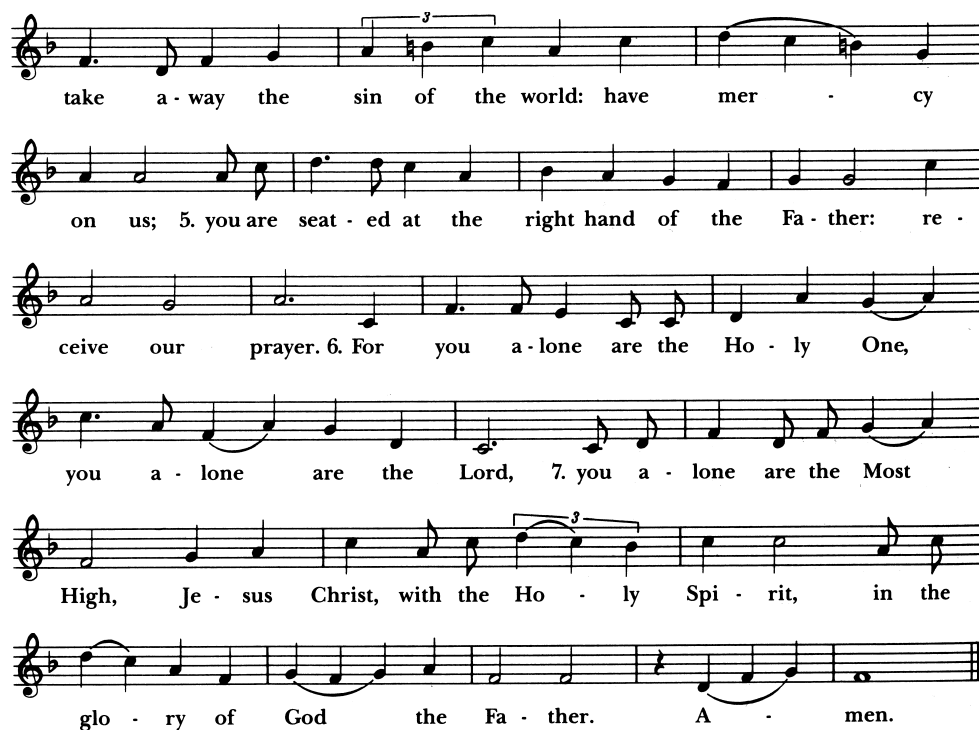
Celebrant: Since God loved us so much;

People: **We ought also to love one another.**

GLORIA S-280

Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Holy and loving God, in our baptism you call us into relationship with you and the whole creation: We thank you for giving us signs of your steadfast love in the covenant of fidelity two people make with one another, and we pray that, in your mercy, you will give your blessing to Scott and Neil who come before you, and strengthen them day by day with the love of your Holy Spirit that they may be a blessing to one another and to the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 18: 1-4

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing,

and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. THE WORD OF THE LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

Conditor alme siderum

1. May God be merciful to us,
Bless us, shine on us from above;
Let all earth's people know your ways,
All nations know your saving love.
2. Let all the nations praise you, Lord,
Let them praise you, be glad, and sing;
You judge with equity all lands
And rule the nations as their king.
3. Let all the nations praise you, Lord;
And may the earth yield its increase;
Then God, our God, will bless our land
And nations worship him in peace.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. THE WORD OF THE LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 410

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

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

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

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to the disciples, 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. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have

heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us remember before God Scott and Neil, this community of faith and the whole world, saying, "Receive our prayer."

Leader: For Scott and Neil, that they may be filled with God's blessing and grow in love and faithfulness throughout their life together. O God, source of all life,

People: **Receive our prayer.**

Leader: For God's creation. May we have the wisdom and will to honor and protect all God's creatures. O God, source of all life,

People: **Receive our prayer.**

Leader: For our nation and the world and for all in authority. May justice and wisdom, peace and respect flourish among men and woman everywhere. O God, source of all life,

People: **Receive our prayer.**

Leader: For this community, for the people of San Diego and for the welfare of all. O God, source of all life,

People: **Receive our prayer.**

Leader: For those who suffer any need or trouble. We pray for the sick and the poor, the lonely and the bereaved, those who perpetrate hatred and intolerance and for their victims. O God, source of all life,

People: **Receive our prayer.**

Leader: For Christ's Church throughout the world. For our bishop James, and for all Christians everywhere in their life and ministry. May we be the living presence of Christ in the world. O God, source of all life,

People: **Receive our prayer.**

Leader: For all those who have gone before us in the faith. We remember and celebrate especially, Natalie, Mildred, Lester and Clifford, O God, source of all life,

People: **Receive our prayer.**

Leader: O God, Ruler of all, you make us in your image and likeness and bestow upon us life and blessing. You command your followers to be united by the new commandment of love. Receive the prayers of your people and grant to Scott and Neil grace to love each other all the days of their lives; for you are a compassionate God and a lover to all creatures, and we glorify you now and forever. **Amen.**

THE COVENANT

Leader: A covenant is an ancient form of promise, a public declaration of commitment that binds people in an enduring relationship. The Bible tells the story of God's covenant with human beings.

God's covenant with Israel was the basis of the people's liberation from slavery and exile. God's covenant with the followers of Jesus brings us into a new community where there is no male nor female, Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, but one people united in Christ.

All our covenants with family and friends are signs of God's faithfulness and love. They are living expressions of God's promises to us and sources of hope to others.

Today we gather to witness and to bless the public commitment of Scott and Neil to such a covenant.

Leader: Scott and Neil, do you believe God has called you into a life-long covenant of love and fidelity?

Couple: **We do believe.**

Leader: Will you live together in love?

Couple: **We will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you be faithful to one another?

Couple: **We will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you support one another in love so that you may both grow into maturity of faith in Jesus Christ?

Couple: **We will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you do all in your power to make your life together a witness to the love of God in the world?

Couple: **We will, with God's help.**

Scott: Neil, I give myself to you. I love you, trust you, and delight in you. I will share your burdens and your joys. I will go with you wherever God calls us. This is my solemn promise.

Neil: Scott, I give myself to you. I love you, trust you, and delight in you. I will share your burdens and your joys. I will go with you wherever God calls us. This is my solemn promise.

BLESSING OF THE RINGS

Leader: Bless, O God, these rings as enduring signs of the covenant Scott and Neil have made, and keep them in the bond of love, through Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Scott: Neil, I give you *this ring* as a symbol of the covenant we have made with God and with one another. **Amen.**

Neil: Scott, I give you *this ring* as a symbol of the covenant we have made with God and with one another. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE COVENANT

Leader: You, friends and members of the families of Scott and Neil, are witnesses to this covenant. Will you support Scott and Neil in the promises they have made?

People: **We will.**

Leader: Will you celebrate the goodness of God's grace evident in their lives?

People: **We will.**

Leader: Will you stand by them, encourage, guide, and pray for them in times of trouble and distress?

People: **We will.**

Leader: Do you give them your blessing?

People: **We do.**

Leader: Let us pray.

We give thanks and praise to you, O gracious God, for your unfailing love and wonderful deeds among us: for the splendor of creation, the beauty of this world, the mystery of our lives and the surprises of human love. We give you thanks and praise for Scott and Neil because you create in them the desire for intimacy and companionship, calling them out of isolation and exile, strengthening them against prejudice and fear, and embracing them in a family of friends and loved ones.

Pour out your abundant blessing upon Scott and Neil. May they grow in love for one another and for all your creation. Lead them into accomplishments that satisfy and delight. Grant that in the years ahead they may be faithful to the promises they make this day, and that in the

strength of the Holy Spirit they may grow together in the love, joy, and peace of our Savior Jesus Christ.

People: **Blessed are you, O gracious God, source of all love, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Galliard of 3 parts

Thomas Tomkins 1572-1656

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

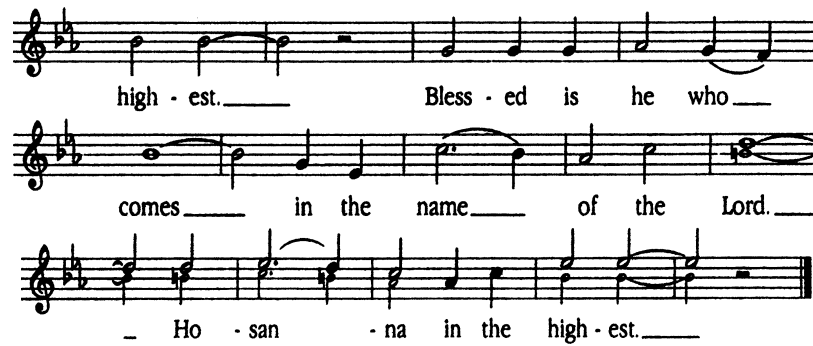
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angeles and Archangels with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS

Arlen Clarke

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage

of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and celebrant

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and celebrant

**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,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

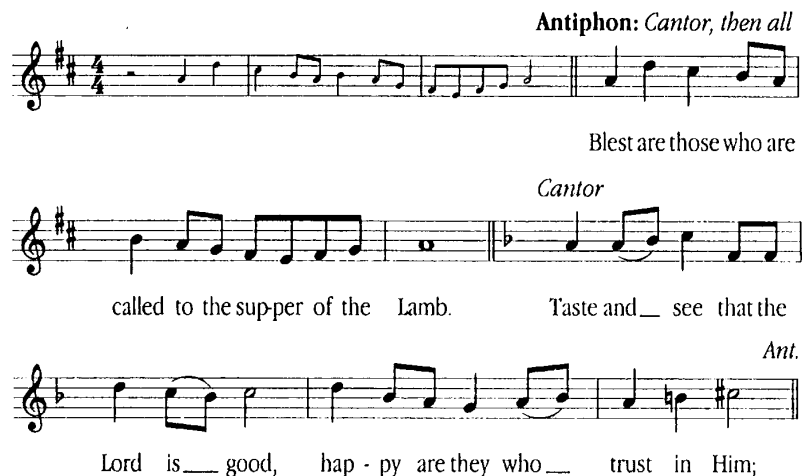
The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Arlen Clarke

Antiphon: Cantor, then all



Blest are those who are

Cantor

called to the supper of the Lamb. Taste and__ see that the

Ant.

Lord is__ good, hap - py are they who__ trust in Him;

All souls who are united to Christ's body through baptism are invited to receive communion in the Episcopal Church.

During Communion

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

MOTET

Christ be my All

David Ashley White

So the day dawn for me, so the day break,
Christ watching over me, Christ as I wake.
Be the day shine for me, be the day bright,
Christ watching over me, Christ be my light.

Be the day dark to me, be the day drear,
Christ shall my comfort be, Christ be my cheer.
Be the day swift to me, be the day long,
Christ my contentment be, Christ be my song.

So the day close for me, so the night fall,
Christ watching over me, Christ be my all.

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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HYMN

One in Love

Thomas Pavlechko

1 One in love and one in prom - ise, one in heart and
2 One in joy and one in sor - row; one in plen - ty,
3 Praise we sing to God, the Fa - ther, Praise we sing to

hand and mind, one in char - i - ty and
one in need; one in sick - ness and in
Christ, the Son, Praise to God, the Ho - ly

giv - ing, bound in hope and grace di - vine.
whole - ness; sealed in truth and faith - ful deed.
Spir - it; Per - fect Un - ion: Three in One.

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PREPARING FOR OUR JOURNEY BACK INTO OUR DAILY LIVES

After Communion:

POSTCOMMION PRAYER

Prayer Book, page 365

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
Of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
And you have fed us with spiritual food
In the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
And grant us strength and courage
To love and serve you
With gladness and singleness of heart;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL HYMN 376

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

DISMISSAL

L: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

R: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata and Fugue in C

Johann Gottfried Walther

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