

The Celebration and Blessing of the Marriage of

Sydney Phillips Boston
&
Andrew Vaclav Repisky



May 30, 2026

Four o'clock in the afternoon

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
New Canaan, Connecticut

Bride

Sydney Boston

Groom

Andrew Repisky

Officiant

The Reverend Dr. Justin Crisp

Music

Edward J. Tipton, Organist

Ryland Angel, Cantor

Vera Boston, Soloist

Father of the Bride

Loren Boston

Matron of Honor

Tyler de Bruycker

Maid of Honor

Lydia Melland

Mother of the Groom

Bernadette Judith Repisky

Father of the Groom

Pavel Vaclav Repisky

Best Man

Philip Repisky

Readers

Alexander Boston

Colette Repisky

Claire Pelura

Ring Bearer

Theodore Lawrence Boston

Ushers

Ashley Repisky

Barth de Bruycker

With Us in Spirit

Susan Boston

Morgan Boston

Gathering Music

Organ

Concerto for Organ, Opus 4 No. 2
I *A tempo ordinario, e staccato*
II *Allegro*
III *Adagio, e staccato*
IV *Allegro*

G. F. Handel (1685-1750)
Arr. M. Dupré (1886-1971)

Music during the Procession

Ave Maria

Charles Gounod (1818–1893)
after J. S. Bach's *Prelude No. 1 in C Major, BWV 846*

The people stand, as able, at the procession of the Bride.

The Opening Exhortation

Celebrant Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people. The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy and for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God. Into this holy union Sydney Boston and Andrew Repisky now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

To the bride and groom

I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, you do now confess it.

The Declaration of Consent

Celebrant Sydney, will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Bride I will.

Celebrant Andrew, will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Groom I will.

Celebrant Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?
People **We will.**

The Presentation

Celebrant Who gives this woman to be married to this man?
Father of the Bride I do.

Hymn

“Lord of all hopefulness”



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pre - sence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sor - row, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953)
 Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

The Ministry of the Word

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us male and female in your image:
 Look mercifully upon this man and this woman who come to you seeking your blessing,
 and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep
 the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

Old Testament

Song of Songs 2:10-13, 8:6-7

Alexander Boston

My beloved speaks and says to me:
 'Arise, my love, my fair one,
 and come away;
 for now the winter is past,
 the rain is over and gone.
 The flowers appear on the earth;
 the time of singing has come,
 and the voice of the turtle-dove
 is heard in our land.
 The 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.

Set 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.
 Many waters cannot quench love,
 neither can floods drown it.
 If one offered for love
 all the wealth of one's house,
 it would be utterly scorned.
 If a man offered all his wealth for love,
 He would be laughed to scorn.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis, *Said by all*

Led by Colette Repisky

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

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. Amen.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Claire Pelura

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not 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 have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand, as able.

The Gospel

John 15:9-12

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

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

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.

The Homily

The Reverend Dr. Justin Crisp

Declarations of Love

The Marriage

The Exchange of Vows

Groom In the Name of God, I, Andrew, take you, Sydney, 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, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

Bride In the Name of God, I, Sydney, take you, Andrew, 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, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

The Blessing and Exchanging of the Rings

Celebrant Bless, O Lord, these rings to be a sign of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Groom Sydney, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Bride Andrew, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant Now that Sydney and Andrew have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings, I pronounce 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.

People **Amen.**

The people stand, as able.

The Prayers

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon this man and this woman whom you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony. **Amen.**

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. **Amen.**

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life. **Amen.**

Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours. **Amen.**

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. **Amen.**

Bestow on them, if it is your will, the gift and heritage of children, and the grace to bring them up to know you, to love you, and to serve you. **Amen.**

Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others. **Amen.**

Grant that all who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed. **Amen.**

Grant that the bonds of our common humanity, by which all your children are united one to another, and the living to the dead, may be so transformed by your grace, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign in perfect unity, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Marriage

The people remain standing. The husband and wife face the Priest, and the Priest says

Celebrant 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 man and woman 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. **Amen.**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

During the Preparation of the Table

Hymn

“For the beauty of the earth”

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
4 For each per - fect gift of thine to the world so free - ly given,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
faith and hope and love di - vine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt. Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872);
arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1966

The people stand, as able.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant 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 him thanks and praise.**

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

Because in the love of wife and husband, you have given us an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her bridegroom, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who loves her and gave himself for her, that he might make the whole creation new.

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

Celebrant and People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant 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.

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."

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant 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 St. Mark and 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Ministration of Communion

During the Communion *Air* (from *Orchestral Suite No. 3*, BWV 1068) J. S. Bach (1685-1750), arr.

All are welcome at the altar of the Lord. All Christians are encouraged to receive Communion. If, instead of Communion, you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you approach the priest. When receiving the sacrament, the bread is taken in the open palm (gluten-free hosts are available on request), and the wine may be received by drinking from the common cup. We are not practicing intinction, or the dipping of the bread into the wine, at this time. If you prefer not to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest when it is offered to you.

Post-Communion Prayer *(said 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, Sydney and Andrew, 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.**

The Blessing

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Recessional

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

The people are invited to follow the wedding party in procession out of the church.

A reception will follow the service at
The Roger Sherman Inn
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