

*The Marriage
of
Simon Anthony Sinfield and
Christine Elizabeth Moore*



*Officiating Minister
Revd Harry Ching*

*Thursday 1 July 2021, 11am
St Martin-in-the-Fields*

*Organist
Michael Cayton*

Entrance of the bride

The Welcome

Revd Harry Ching

Preface

The Declarations

The minister says to the congregation

First, I am required to ask anyone present who knows a reason why these persons may not lawfully marry, to declare it now.

The minister says to the couple

The vows you are about to take are to be made in the presence of God, who is judge of all and knows all the secrets of our hearts; Therefore if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

Simon, will you take Christine to be your wife?

*Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her,
and forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?
I will.*

Christine, will you take Simon to be your husband?

*Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him,
and forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?
I will.*

The minister says to the congregation

*Will you, the families and friends of Simon and Christine,
support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?
We will.*

Reading

1 Corinthians. 13 read by Andrea Yeardsley

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have 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 do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Address

Revd Harry Ching

The Vows

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

The bridegroom takes the bride's right hand in his and says

*I, Simon take you, Christine,
to be my wife,
to have and to hold
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 bride takes the bridegroom's right hand in hers and say

*I, Christine take you, Simon
to be my husband
to have and to hold
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.*

Giving and Receiving of Rings

The minister receives the rings and says

*Heavenly Father, by your blessing let these rings
be to Simon and Christine a symbol of unending
love and faithfulness, to remind them of the vow
and covenant which they have made this day
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All *Amen*

Simon places the ring on the fourth finger of Christine's left hand and, holding it there, says

*Christine, I give 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,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

Christine places the ring on the fourth finger of Simon's left hand and, holding it there, says

*Simon, I give 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,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

The Proclamation

The Blessing of the Marriage

Simon and Christine come forward for the blessing

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
For you have created joy and gladness,
Pleasure and delight, love, peace and fellowship.
Pour out the abundance of your blessing upon
Simon and Christine in their new life together.
Let their love for each other be a seal upon their
hearts and a crown upon their heads.*

*Bless them in their work and in the companionship;
awake and asleep, in joy and in sorrow, in life
and in death. Finally, in your mercy, bring them
to that banquet where your saints feast for ever in
your heavenly home. We ask this through
Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.*

All Amen

*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

Poem

*Close Close All Night by Elizabeth Bishop
read by Christine*

*Close close all night
the lovers keep.
They turn together
in their sleep,
close as two papers
in a book
that read each other
in the dark.
Each knows all
the other knows
learnt by heart
from head to toes.*

Poem

*Let me put it this way by Simon Armitage
read by Simon*

*Let me put it this way:
if you came to lay
your sleeping head
against my arm went dead,
or if I had to take my leave
at midnight, I should rather
cleave it from the joint or seam
than make a scene
or bring you round.
There,
how does that sound?*

Signing

Prayers

Revd Harry Ching

The Dismissal

Blessing

Recessional

