

Marriage of
Brianne Shea O'Fallon
&
Paul Alexander McWilliams

Six O'clock in the Evening
August Thirteenth, 2006
Silver Creek Valley Country Club
San Jose, California



"A man will leave his father and mother,
and be united with his wife
and they shall be one flesh"
Genesis 2:24

The Groom's Party

The Rev. Barry McWilliams-- Father of Groom
Paul McWilliams --Groom
Roger Ramey-- Best Man
Andrew Lenharth-- Best Man
Jake Beaty--Groomsman
Hans Stampfli-- Groomsman
Matthew Lederman-- Groomsman
Robi Balogh--Ring bearer



The Bride's Party

Dennis O'Fallon --Father of Bride
Brianne O'Fallon --Bride
Aubrey Weese -- Maid of Honor
Ceara O'Fallon -- Maid of Honor
Susanna Lane -- Bride's Maid
Heather Mendez -- Bride's Maid
Jasmin Lopez -- Bride's Maid
Zoe Alamillo-- Flower Girl

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Prelude and Gathering of Guests
Entrance of Wedding Party
The Flowers placed by the Bride's Party
during their procession are in loving memory
of Brianne's mother, Vickie Lynn O'Fallon
A Word of Introduction
Declaration of Consent and the Giving of Bride
Vows and Rings
Scripture Readings:
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An Exhortation to Couple
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Jay Lopez : "How Beautiful" (Twila Paris)
Blessings by the Fathers
Declaration of Marriage
First Married Kiss
Introduction of Mr. And Mrs. Paul McWilliams
Recessional

"As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you."

Isaiah 62:5

THE WEDDING OF PAUL AND BRIANNE MCWILLIAMS

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PRELUDE AND GATHERING

ENTRANCE OF THE WEDDING PARTY

The bride's maids placed flower alongside a bouquet on the mother of the brides chair during their procession in memory of Brianne's mother, Vickie Lynn O'Fallon

A WORD OF INTRODUCTION

Friends and Relatives of Brianne and Paul; we are gathered here this afternoon in God's presence to celebrate the marriage of Brianne and Paul. Marriage has been instituted by God as a binding covenantal relationship, to be regulated by His commandments and to be honored by all. God has established marriage and set it apart for the good of mankind. Within this relationship He instructs us to cherish a mutual esteem and love, to bear with each other's weaknesses, to comfort and support one another in sickness, trouble and sorrow, with honesty and industry providing for each other and their household in temporal things, while encouraging each other to grow as persons created to serve and glorify God.

INVOCATION: Father in heaven, Creator and Redeemer, we ask you to look upon these two with your mercy and favor, and honor them with your presence as they enter into the covenant of marriage. May your Spirit cleanse their hearts and clarify their thoughts. May they look to you for assistance and depend upon you for the enabling grace they need as they begin their married life together. God in heaven, look upon their hearts at this time and help them to sincerely give themselves to each other, and grant this, O Lord, through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

DECLARATION OF CONSENT AND THE GIVING OF THE BRIDE

All of you, family and friends of Brianne and Paul –who have come today to witness and share in the joy of this wedding – The Word of God says “a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife.” Jesus says: “whom God joins together no one should seek to separate.” As Brianne and Paul are now lawfully entering into covenant together before Almighty God and before you – I urge you all to honor their commitment and the God who unites them by supporting them in these vows and encouraging them and praying for them in their marriage. The Bible says. “Marriage must be honored by all” Brianne and Paul, the covenant and vows you make this day are being made before the Lord who both knows the sincerity of your hearts and who demands a lifelong commitment to keep your promises to one another.

"Do you, Paul, Take Brianne as your wedded wife and will you make your commitment with a covenant with her, in all love and honor in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with her and cherish her according to the ordinance of God in the holy bond of marriage?" "I do"

"Do you, Brianne, have Paul as your wedded husband and will you make your commitment with a covenant with him, in all love and honor, in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with him and cherish him according to the ordinance of God in the holy bond of marriage?" "I do"

"Who gives this woman to be married to this man?"

Dennis "Her family and I" {Dennis lifted Brianne's veil and kissed her cheek, and placed her hand in the pastor's. he shook Paul's hand and then the pastor placed her hand in Paul's.}

Most gracious God, fountain of life and love and joy, look with merciful favor on Brianne and Paul as they make their vows and are joined in holy marriage. Enable them to always remember and truly keep these vows which they make as they enter into a covenant with one another and with you, in accordance with your Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. And bless their union with a long and fruitful life together, with the grace to overcome all obstacles to that union, and with the strength to persevere and seek from you all the blessings they desire from their marriage. For we ask this in your name. Amen

THE MARRIAGE VOWS AND RINGS

"I, Paul Alexander McWilliams, take you, Brianne; to be my wedded wife; and I do promise and covenant; before God and these witnesses; to be your loving and faithful husband; in plenty and in want; in joy and in sorrow; in sickness and in health; as long as we both shall live"

"I, Brianne Shea O'Fallon take you, Paul; to be my wedded husband; and I do promise and covenant; before God and these witnesses; to be your loving, and obedient wife; in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow; in sickness and in health; as long as we both shall live"

"Paul, What token of your promise and covenant do you bring?" "This ring!" ("Lord, bless this ring as a constant reminder of the preciousness and beauty of married love and their commitment to protect that love from this day forth.") "Brianne, This ring I give you, in token and pledge, of our constant faith and abiding love."

"Brianne, What token of your promise and covenant do you bring?" "This ring!" ("Lord, even as this ring encircles his finger and is there warmed, so may their love always bind their hearts and bring constant warmth to their marriage.") "Paul, This ring I give you in token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love."

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 5:25-32 (Jake Beaty) Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying it refers to Christ and the Church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see she respects her husband.

1 Peter 3:3-4, 7-6 (Susanna Lane) Do not let your adorning be external – the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothing – but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered

AN EXHORTATION TO THE COUPLE

There are two realities to marriage – we come together seeking love and intimate companionship – but achieving and keeping that relationship is really very hard. Being married takes a constant effort to overcome the barriers and forces tugging us apart. We were created to live in such personal relationships – especially the gender based roles of husband and wife. Marriage is a picture of God's intended relationship with mankind. God created marriage before the fall – From the beginning, God intended man to marry; and intends to bless that marriage with fruitfulness. In His daily presence, there was no shame – but rather a constant fellowship and love. But then fall of man drove the man and woman apart – their guilt and sin manifest in blaming and selfishness, and in an awareness of their personal vulnerability (nakedness) that caused them to hide themselves from each other and from God. Those walls of separation remain between God and man, and between men as well. Reconciliation is constantly necessary if intimacy is to be restored. God uses marriage after the fall as a model of His reconciliation and forgiveness. God sent his Son as the sacrifice to make that possible.

Marriage in the Old Testament pictures God as a loving husband continually seeking reconciliation with his unfaithful people. Isaiah says “But you will be called by a new name. You will be called “My delight is in her” and your land “married,” for the Lord delights in you. As a bridegroom rejoices over the bride so your God will rejoice over you. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth “Lo your salvation comes” . . . and they will call them “the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord” and you will be called “sought out, not forsaken.” Isaiah 62:2,4-5,11-12.

Marriage in the New Testament pictures Christ as the Bridegroom that lays his life down for the church, his bride, that she might be forgiven, restored to a glory now lost, and reunited with him. "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God..The Apostle says" For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery- -but I am talking about Christ and the church." Ephesians 5:1; 25-27; 31-32 "A cord of three strands is not easily broken." It says in Ecclesiastes The third cord of your marriage must always be the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have three encouragements to you this day:

The first is that you each will make your life together as husband and wife your number one priority. Your most treasured possession must be the one you are marrying today, who will share your life with you. Entering into marriage for love's companionship is right - it is not good for man to be alone - and two make the bearing the burdens of life easier. However marriage is also accepting the constant task of overcoming personal fears and failings and restoring brokenness, resisting pride and selfishness in the daily giving of self for the best interests and the blessing of another.

The second is that you explore each other's hearts intimately and accept everything that you find there. Marriage is a means God uses to help you know yourself. Explore together the uncharted regions of your hearts - discover the best in one another, and draw it out that you might mature and grow.

The third is that you will love one another in all of love's dimensions. "Love" means many things - attraction, passion, companionship; enjoyment, possession, and tender caring. Friendship must continue to sustain your love - it must be renewed each day. It must be reaffirmed in the morning with a kiss, patiently built up through the day - fueled with much talk and communication and tenderness - and supported upon a hearth of faithfulness and trust. If frequently rekindled with forbearance and forgiveness, then your love will mature and be able to celebrate its passion anew each night. Most of all love ought to be the giving of your self for the other.

The Bride and Groom have asked to take their very first communion as husband and wife in your presence on this Lord's Day to acknowledge the place that the Lord Jesus Christ will continue to have in their new life together. Though it is not possible to actually serve communion to all those in Christ who have gathered this evening, we ask that those here who know Christ will join with the Bride and Groom with worship of Christ in their hearts.

FIRST COMMUNION & SPECIAL MUSIC

Jay Lopez singing "How Beautiful" {Twila Paris}

*How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hills to the cross.
How beautiful . . . how beautiful . . . how beautiful is the body of Christ.*

*How beautiful the heart that bled that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful . . . how beautiful . . . how beautiful is the body of Christ.*

*And as He laid down His life we offer this sacrifice that we will live
just as he died: willing to pay the price . . . willing to pay the price.*

*How beautiful the radiant Bride who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.
How beautiful . . . how beautiful . . . how beautiful is the body of Christ*

*How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful . . . how beautiful . . . how beautiful is the body of Christ*

{During this special music, Pastor Barry McWilliams spoke privately to the couple concerning their need of the grace of Christ in their hearts and marriage, then broke the Bread, saying "this is the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Him" and then he took the cup and said "This Cup is the new Covenant in the blood of Christ. shed for the forgiveness of your sins. Take, eat." After they had partaken, Barry blessed them "May the Love of God, the grace of the Lord Jesus and the fellowship of His Spirit be with you both now and forever. Amen "}

THE FATHERS' BLESSINGS FOR THEIR MARRIAGE

Barry: May the road rise to meet you. Fair winds and following seas
May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rains fall soft upon your fields.

Dennis: May the light of friendship guide your paths together.
May the laughter of children grace the halls of your home.

Barry: May the joy of living for one another bring a smile from your lips
and a twinkle from your eye. (Irish Traditional)

Dennis: May your marriage bring you all the exquisite excitements a marriage should bring, and may life grant you also patience, tolerance, and understanding.
May you always need one another - not so much to fill your emptiness as to help you to know your fullness. A mountain needs a valley to be complete; the valley does not make the mountain less, but more; and the valley is more a valley because it has a mountain towering over it.

So let it be with you [Brianne] and you [Paul].
May you need one another, but not out of weakness.
May you want one another, but not out of lack. May you entice one another,
but not compel one another,
May you embrace one another, but not encircle one another.
May you succeed in all important ways with one another,
and not fail in the little graces.
May you look for things to praise, often say, "I love you!"
and take no notice of small faults.
If you have quarrels that push you apart, may both of you hope to have good
sense enough to take the first step back.

May you enter into the mystery which is the awareness of one another's presence
no more physical than spiritual, warm and near when you are side by side, and
warm and near when you are in separate rooms or even distant cities.
May you have happiness, and may you find it making one another happy.
May you have love, and may you find it loving one another!

(by James Dillet Freeman)

Barry: May you eat your bread with happiness and drink your wine with cheerful heart.
May you enjoy life with the one you love all the days that God will give you, and
whatever your hands find for you to do, may you do it with all your might.
(Eccl 9:9, 10; 12:1;) May you Live in harmony, be sympathetic, always loving,
compassionate, and humble. Forgive one another as Christ has forgiven you.
Remember your Creator, fear God and keep His commandments,
as joint heirs of the grace of life, sanctify The Lord Christ in your hearts
and always be ready to give an account of the hope that is in you. (Eph 4:32;
1 Peter 3:7-8; 15)

Paul, May your fountain be blessed and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth
a loving doe, a graceful deer – may she satisfy you always; and may you ever be
captivated by her love. (Prov 5:18)

Brianne, Like an apple tree is your husband among the trees of the forest,
may you delight in his shade,
may his fruit be ever sweet to your taste – for he has brought you
to his banqueting table and his banner over you is love. (Song of Solomon. 2:3,4)

(To Brianne) You are your beloved's and his desire is for you.

(To Paul) You are your beloved's and your beloved is yours.

(Song of Solomon 7:10, 6:3)

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you; The Lord Turn His face upon you and give you peace.

DECLARATION OF THE MARRIAGE:

"By the authority committed unto me as a minister of the church of Jesus Christ, I declare that Brianne and Paul are now husband and wife, according to the ordinance of God and the law of the State: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen."

THE FIRST MARRIED KISS: Paul, You may kiss your bride!

INTRODUCTION OF THE WEDDED COUPLE:

"Now may I introduce to you . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul McWilliams Whom God has joined together, let no man put