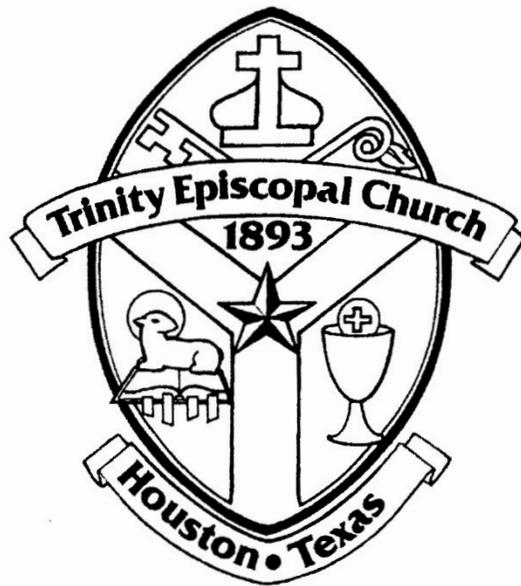


THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE  
OF  
ISRAEL DEPAUL LACOUR  
AND  
JOSEPH ALEXANDER MORIN

NOVEMBER 20, 2021  
4:00 p.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector  
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate  
The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Theologian in Residence

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Pelayo Parlade, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

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## SERVING TODAY

Reader: Jonathan Sanchez

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

The High Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
the blessing of this union and in memory of  
Moses LaCour, Lillian and Lavo Binkley, Jose Isabel Uresti, Rosa Castaneda Uresti,  
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# THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

4:00 p.m. Historic Church

*Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.*

## **The Word of God**

PRELUDE

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

*Someone to Watch over Me  
Oh How He Loves You and Me  
In Our Lives Lord, Be Glorified  
Somewhere over the Rainbow*

ENTRANCE

Sweet Love

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* Beloved, let us love one another,

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

*Officiant* 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; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. 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.

*Then the Officiant says to the persons to be married*

*Officiant* Into this holy union **Israel DePaul LaCour** and **Joseph Alexander Morin** 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.

*The Officiant says to one member of the couple, then to the other*

*Officiant* **Israel/Joseph**, 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

*Answer* I will.

*The Officiant then addresses the congregation, saying*

*Officiant* Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

**People** **We will.**

The Officiant then says to the people

**Officiant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Officiant** Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us in your image: Look mercifully upon Israel and Joseph 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.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

READER

Jonathan Sanchez

THE FIRST LESSON

Song of Solomon 8: 6-7

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.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 67

*Deus misereatur*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-16

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15: 9-12

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

**People Glory be 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.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

HOMILY

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

PRE-NUPTIALS

*Lovely Day*

#### THE MARRIAGE

Each member of the couple, in turn, takes the hand of the other and says

In the Name of God, I, **Israel/Joseph**, take you, **Israel/Joseph**, 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.

#### EXCHANGE OF RINGS

*The Priest asks God's blessing on the rings as follows*

Bless, O Lord, these rings to be signs of the vows by which **Israel** and **Joseph** have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People Amen.**

*The giver places the ring on the ring finger of the other's hand and says*

**Israel/Joseph**, 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.

*Then the Officiant joins the right hands of the couple and says*

Officiant Now that **Israel** and **Joseph** 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 wed to one another, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.  
**Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

*Leader* 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 Israel and Joseph whom you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony.

**People** **Amen.**

*Leader* 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.

**People** **Amen.**

*Leader* 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.

**People** **Amen.**

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

**People** **Amen.**

*Leader* For the grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours; Lord, in your mercy

**People** **Amen.**

*Leader* 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.

**People** **Amen.**

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

**People** **Amen.**

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

**People** **Amen.**

*Leader* 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.

**People** **Amen.**

## The Blessing of the Marriage

*The People remain standing. The couple kneel, and the Priest says one of the following prayers*

**Officiant** 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 two people in his Name. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon Israel and Joseph. 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.**

*The couple still kneeling, the Priest adds this blessing*

**Officiant** 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.

**People** **Amen.**

POST NUPTIALS

*Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing*

PEACE

**Officiant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

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

## The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them up 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 giving of two people to each other in faithful love you reveal the joy and abundant life you share with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

*The celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again;**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**People      AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People      Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*For the duration of the current pandemic we will offer communion in one kind, the bread only. The priest will bring communion to your seat.*



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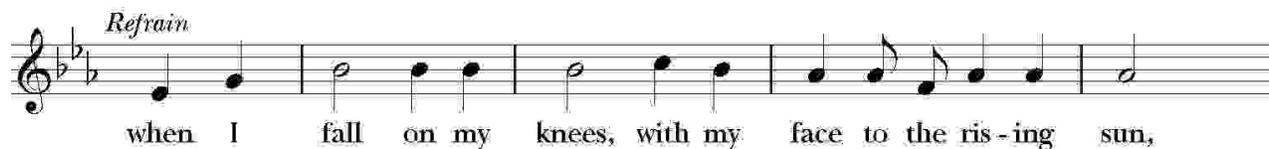


1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

Come to the Table



Come to the ta-ble of mer- cy, pre-pared with the wine and the



bread. All who are hun-gry and thirst - y,



come and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's in - vi -



ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Come Share the Lord



1. We gath-er here in Je - sus' name, his love is  
 (3. He joins us) here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who  
 (5. We'll gath-er) soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the



burn-ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame; for through the  
 pours the cup is ris - en from the dead; the one we  
 glo - ry of our Lord and com-ing King; now we an -



lov - ing Son	the Fa - ther makes us one:	} Come, take the
love the most	is now our gra - cious host:	
ti - ci - pate	the feast for which we wait:	

*Fine*



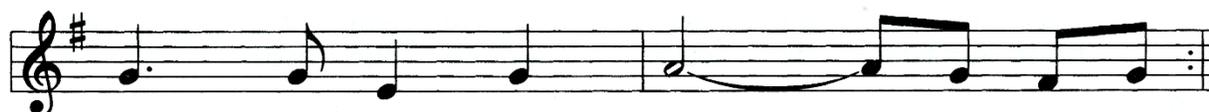
bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.



2. No one is a stran-ger here, — ev - ery - one be -  
4. We are now a fam - i - ly of which the Lord is



longs; find - ing our for - give-ness here, we in  
head; though un - seen he meets us here in the



turn for - give all wrongs. 3. He joins us  
break - ing of the bread. 5. We'll gath - er

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

*Celebrant* 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, **Israel** and **Joseph**, 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.

**People** Amen.

*Please stand as able.*

DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

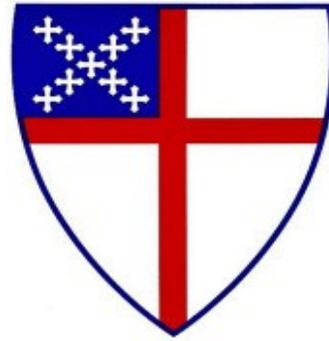
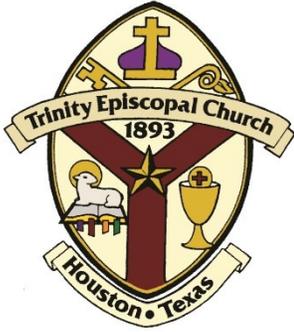
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*This Will Be*

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