

A close-up photograph of a bride's hand holding a large bouquet of white roses. The bride is wearing a white lace veil and a white wedding dress. The background is blurred green foliage.

**Today, I will marry
my beloved friend!**

**"Where you go I will go,
and where you lodge I will lodge.
Your people shall be my people,
and your God my God."**

Ruth 1:16

The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage

Colin P. Kelly III and J. Susan Sprake

May 24, 2025

5 o'clock in the afternoon

Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church

Los Alamos, NM

Order of Procession

Organ Prelude *Organist:*

Margaret-Mary Sauppé

Processional Music

“Trumpet Voluntary” by Jeremiah Clarke

Please stand

The Ven. Patricia Soukup, Master of Ceremonies

Crucifer – Ben Foley

Torchbearers – Andy Light, Mariah Stephens

Chancel Choir

Server – Luke Favorite

Gospeler/Reader of Prayers – The Rev. Canon Raymond Raney

Chalice Bearers

The Rev. Jill Cline, The Rev. Jerome Williams

Ciborium

The Rev. Mary Ann Hill, Rector, Trinity on the Hill

Groomsmen— John Pedlow, Brent Kelly, Blake Kelly, Michal Kucer, Anton (Tony) Mazanec

Groom— Colin P. Kelly III

Bridesmaids— Kathleen McDonald-Snapp, Kristyne Plonczak, Sophia Kelly, Rebekah Plonczak,
Maria Kelly

Bishop's Processional

“St. Anthony Chorale” by Joseph Haydn

Crucifer for the Bishop – Isabella Stephens

Bishop— The Rt. Rev. Michael Hunn

Processional: The Children

“Butterfly Waltz” by Brian Crain

Children

Bridal Escorts

“Wedding March” by Felix Mendelssohn

Alexander Plonczak, Roman and Zara

Casey Plonczak, Rhett and Livia

James Wigger

Bride— J. Susan Sprake

Bishop: 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.

Into this holy union Colin and Susan 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.

Then the Bishop says to the persons to be married

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

The Bishop says to Susan

Susan, will you have Colin 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?

Susan answers: I will.

The Bishop says to Colin

Colin will you have Susan 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?

Colin answers: I will.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation, saying

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold Colin and Susan in their marriage?

People: **We will.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Bishop then says to the people: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us male and female in your image: Look mercifully upon Colin and Susan 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.**

A Reading from the Old Testament: Song of Solomon 2:10-14 Reader: Rabbi Jack Shlachter

¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me:
'Arise, my love, my fair one,
 and come away;
¹¹ for now the winter is past,
 the rain is over and gone.
¹² The flowers appear on the earth;
 the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
 is heard in our land.
¹³ 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.
¹⁴ O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
 in the covert of the cliff,
let me see your face,
 let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet,
 and your face is lovely.

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Sung by the Chancel Choir

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
3 he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"

Please stand

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill
 length; such a strength as makes
 part; such a heart as joys

eth death.
 his guest.
 in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

The Rev. Canon Raymond Raney: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

John 15:9-12

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

After the Gospel, the Rev. Canon Raymond Raney says: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

The Homily

The Rt. Rev. Michael Hunn

The Marriage

Colin facing Susan and taking her right hand in his, says

In the Name of God, I, Colin, take you, Susan, 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.

Then they loose their hands, and Susan still facing Colin takes his right hand in hers, and says

In the Name of God, I, Susan, take you, Colin, 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.

They loose their hands.

The Bishop asks God's blessing on the rings as follows

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

Colin places the ring on the ring-finger of Susan's hand and says

Susan, 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.

Susan places the ring on the ring-finger of Colin's hand and says

Colin, 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.

The Bishop joins the right hands of Colin and Susan and says

Now that Colin and Susan 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 Prayers

The Rev. Canon Raymond Raney reads the following prayers, to which the People respond, saying, Amen.

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 Colin and Susan 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.**

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

Grant that all married persons 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 kneel, and the Bishop says

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 Colin and Susan. 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 husband and wife still kneeling, the Bishop adds this blessing

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 Wedding Song

Paul Stookey

Soloist: Joe Cox

The Peace

The Bishop may say to the people: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The liturgy continues with the Offertory, at which time the newly married couple may present the offerings of bread and wine.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: “When Love is Found”

Hal Hopson

sung by the Chancel Choir

Please stand as the offering is presented at the altar.

The people remain standing

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Bishop: 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:

Bishop and People

***Santcus* (Holy, Holy, Holy)**

See following pages

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are

full, — full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

This system contains the first two staves of the musical score. The treble staff begins with a G4, followed by a half note F#4, a half note E4, and a half note D4. The bass staff begins with a G3, followed by a half note F#3, a half note E3, and a half note D3. The lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na' are written below the staves.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____

This system contains the next two staves. The treble staff continues with a half note C4, a half note B3, a half note A3, and a half note G3. The bass staff continues with a half note F#3, a half note E3, a half note D3, and a half note C3. The lyrics 'in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____' are written below the staves.

_____ in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na

This system contains the next two staves. The treble staff begins with a half note G3, a half note F#3, a half note E3, and a half note D3. The bass staff begins with a half note C3, a half note B2, a half note A2, and a half note G2. The lyrics '_____ in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na' are written below the staves.

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

This system contains the final two staves of the musical score. The treble staff begins with a half note G3, a half note F#3, a half note E3, and a half note D3. The bass staff begins with a half note C3, a half note B2, a half note A2, and a half note G2. The lyrics 'in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below the staves.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel. Then the Bishop 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:

Bishop and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues

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 Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Bishop and People

**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

Bishop: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Facing the people, the Bishop says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to come forward as the ushers direct you to receive communion. If you do not wish to receive, you may ask the Bishop for a blessing. To receive the bread, hold out your right hand, resting it in your left hand. To receive the chalice, guide the base of it towards your mouth as the minister holds it.

Bishop: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Bishop: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymns:

“Supper of the Lord”

Sung by the Chancel Choir

“I am the Bread of Life”

Hymnal 335

“Abide with Me”

Hymnal 662

After Communion, the Bishop says

Let us pray.

Bishop and People

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, Colin and Susan, 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 Bishop blesses the people and dismisses them with these words

Bishop: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Closing Hymn: “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Please see next page

Organ Postlude: “Toccata” from Symphonie No. V

Charles-Marie Widor

After the ceremony, please proceed to the patio at the back of the Sanctuary for non-alcoholic drinks, followed by the Reception in Kelly Hall.

Blessing of the meal by the Rt. Rev. Michael Hunn

7: 15 pm Dinner is served

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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