

The Celebration and Blessing of the Marriage of

Mary Rachel Booth Moncure

and

Isaiah Guyman Martin IV

Saturday April 29, 2023

Three Forty-Five O'clock P.M.

The American Cathedral in Paris

23, avenue George V

75008 Paris

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL: *Trumpet Tune*

Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

Officiant

Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of Mary Rachel Booth Moncure and Isaiah Guyman Martin IV in Holy Matrimony. The joining of two people in a life of mutual fidelity signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and so it is worthy of being honored among all people.

The union of two people 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 gift 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 Mary Rachel Booth and Isaiah Guyman 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.

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

Officiant Mary Rachel Booth, will you take Isaiah Guyman 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?

Mary Rachel Booth I will.

Officiant Isaiah Guyman, will you take Mary Rachel Booth 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?

Isaiah Guyman I will.

Officiant Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold Mary Rachel Booth and Isaiah Guyman in their marriage?

People **We will.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created humankind in your image: Look mercifully upon Mary Rachel Booth and Isaiah Guyman 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 unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

READING

Song of Solomon (2:10-13; 8:6-7)

Alexander David Murray

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 turtledove
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 his house,
it would be utterly scorned.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

READING

Psalm 121

(read responsively)

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

MUSIC: *Arioso*

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

READING

Mark (10:1-9; 6-16)

John Palmer Fishwick Jr.

He left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them.

But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Officiant
People

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**HOMILY**

The Reverend Canon Nathaniel Katz

THE MARRIAGE

Isaiah Guyman In the Name of God, I, Isaiah Guyman, take you, Mary Rachel Booth, 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.

Mary Rachel Booth In the Name of God, I, Mary Rachel Booth, take you, Isaiah Guyman, 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.

Officiant Bless, O Lord, this ring to be a sign of the vows by which Mary Rachel Booth and Isaiah Guyman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Isaiah Guyman Mary Rachel Booth, 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.

Officiant Now that Mary Rachel Booth and Isaiah Guyman 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 each other, 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.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant Let us pray.

Catherine Terrell Fuller

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 Mary Rachel Booth and Isaiah Guyman 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 his 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 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 forever. ***Amen.***

SIGNING OF THE REGISTRY: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

Officiant

Let us pray.

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, 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 Mary Rachel Booth and Isaiah Guyman. 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.***

DISMISSAL

Officiant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL: *Toccata from Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

<i>Officiant</i>	The Reverend Canon Nathaniel Katz, The American Cathedral in Paris
<i>Canon for Music</i>	Zachary Ullery
<i>Organist</i>	Andrew Dewar
<i>Readers</i>	Alexander David Murray John Palmer Fishwick Jr. Catherine Terrell Fuller
<i>Maid of Honor</i>	Celina Arslanian
<i>Bridesmaids</i>	Hilkka Irmeli Komulainen Kathryn Elizabeth Angstadt Margaret Mary Mullins Victoria Norman
<i>Best Man</i>	John Blair Fishwick Martin
<i>Groomsmen</i>	Andrew Houston Moncure Thomas Gilmore MacLeod Simchak Linton Wells III Ian George Henry Atkins