

Gad Weds Rachel

3:00 PM
6th December 2025
Allsaints Cathedral, Kampala

BRIDAL ENTOURAGE

GROOM:

Gad Agaba

BRIDE:

Rachel Kazigire

BEST MAN:

Horace Bashaija

MATRON:

Alicia Atukunda

FLOWER GIRLS:

Heather Nyirahabwe Nsaba

Atarah Grace Sabiiti

Ketty Keera Kainabryo Kambaho (Keke)

Holly Katatumba

Heidi Kampaire Nsaba

Elizabeth Manuella Mwiza

Henrietta Ampaire Nsaba

BRIDESMAIDS:

Dr. Ruth Kaziga . K

Stessi Bainamura

MAIN CELEBRANT:

Rt. Rev. Nathan Ahimbisibwe,

Bishop of South Ankole Diocese

CHURCH:

All Saints Cathedral Nakasero

CHOIR:

All Saints Church Choir

TIME:

3 Pm

DATE:

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The Groom and Best man Enter:

Song: Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
Oh, Your mercy never failed me
And all my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
Oh, I have lived in the goodness of God, oh-oh-oh

And all my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Yeah, yeah, yeah
So good

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running
after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running, it keeps running after
me

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God
Yeah-yeah, yeah

You lead me and guide me, God
Faithful Father, floods my soul
Oh, and You are my anchor in the wind and the waves
You are my provider, oh, yeah
And You lead me and guide me by Your Spirit
And Your Word I have never walked alone
My joy, my joy, every day

Oh, Shepherd of my soul, oh
What a joy to know You
Oh, the joy of knowing you, God
You're everything to me
So wonderful, in all your ways, hey
All your ways
Amen

Maids & Flower girls Enter

Song: Great is thy faithfulness,

“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

“Great is Thy faithfulness!”

“Great is Thy faithfulness!”

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—

“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness O God my Father,
You have fulfilled all your promise to me;
You never fail and your love is unchanging—
All you have been you forever will be.

Bride Enters:

Song 1: Canon in D - organ

Song 2: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand
In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

‘Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live
There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me

From life’s first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

INTRODUCTION

The Bride and the Bridegroom stand before the Priest.

WELCOME REMARKS BY REVEREND

Priest: God is love, and those who live in love live in God: and God lives in them.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also, with you

Priest:

God our Father, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law. Grant to your servants Gad and Rachel that, loving one another, they may continue in your love until the end of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest:

We have come together in the presence of God and of this congregation to witness the marriage of Gad and Rachel to ask God's blessings on them, and to share in their joy. Our Lord Jesus Christ was Himself a guest at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and through His Holy Spirit, He is with us now.

The Scriptures teach us that Marriage is a gift from God in creation and a means of His grace, a holy mystery in which a man and a woman become one flesh. It is God's purpose that as a husband and a wife give themselves to each other in love throughout their lives, they shall be united in that love, as Christ is united with His church.

Marriage is given that the husband and the wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty, in sorrow and joy. It is given that with delight and tenderness, they may know each other in love, and through the joy of their bodily union, may strengthen the union of their hearts and lives. It is given that they may have children and be blessed in caring for them and bringing them up in accordance with God's will, to His praise and glory.

In marriage, the husband and the wife belong to one another, and they begin a new life together in the community. It is a way of life that all should honor and it must not be undertaken carelessly, lightly, or selfishly, but reverently, responsibly and after serious thought.

This is the way of life created and hallowed by God that Gad and Rachel are now to begin. They will each give their consent to the other, they will hold hands and exchange solemn vows, and in token of this, they will give and receive a ring.

Therefore, on this their wedding day we pray with them that, strengthened and guided by God, they may fulfill His purpose for the whole of their earthly life together.

The Priest says to the Congregation

But first I am required to ask anyone present who knows a reason why Gad and Rachel may not lawfully marry, to declare it now or forever hold his/her peace.

The Priest says to the couple

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

The Priest says to Bridegroom

Gad will you take Rachel 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?

Bride: I will

The giving away of the Bride.

Priest: Who gives Rachel to be married to Gad?

The Priest receives the bride's right hand from the brother and gives it to the groom.

The Groom unveils the Bride

The Groom and Bride face each other.

The Groom takes the Bride's hand and says:

I, Gad take you Rachel 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 till death do us part according to God's holy law, and this is my solemn vow.

The Bride takes the Groom's right hand and says:

I Rachel take you Gad 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, till death do us part according to God's holy law, and this is my solemn vow.

Blessings of the rings:

The Priest receives the rings and says:

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

Exchange of rings

The Groom places the ring on the fourth finger of Bride's left hand and holding it there says:

Rachel, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you, all that I am I give you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bride places a ring on the fourth finger of Groom's left hand and holding it there, says:

Gad, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you, all that I am I give you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Priest addresses the couple saying:

In the presence of God, and before this congregation, Gad and Rachel have given their consent and made their marriage vows to each other. They have declared their marriage by joining of hands and by the giving and receiving of a ring; I therefore proclaim that they are husband and wife.

The Priest joins their right hands together and holding in his says:

“That which God has joined together, let not man put asunder”.

The priest blesses the couple saying:

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve and keep you Gad and Rachel, the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of His grace, that you may please Him in body and soul and living together in faith and love may receive the blessings of eternal life. Amen.

The couple takes their seats

Special song by the Choir:

Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

The reading:

1st Reading

By Alvin Munyambabazi Sabiiti
1 Corinthians 13:4-13

2nd Reading

By Ruth Kaziga Kamugungunu
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

SERMON:

by The Rt. Rev. Nathan Ahimbisibwe, Bishop of South Ankole Diocese

THANKSGIVING SONGS:

OFFERTORY

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Niinyesiim' ahakuba Tataitwe
Akatworek' eby'okukunda kwe,
Obu yaagir' omu kitabo kye
Ekirkwera ngu Yes' ankunda
Ekirkwera ngu Yes' ankunda

Nimmusiiim' ahabw'okunkunda
Esh' ankunda!
Esh' ankunda!
Nimmusiiim' ahabw'okunkunda,
Haza ndi omusiisi.

Ku mpaba nti, naamugwisa kubi,
Eby'okunkunda tibimurusya;
Ekinkwatsa kumugarukaho
Nikwo kwijuka ngu Yes' ankunda

Nimmusiiim' ahabw'okunkunda

Ku ndihik' owaitu omu iguru
Nibwo ndibuu' eki yankundiire,
Haza nkaguma niinyeshongora
Eby'okukunda kwe kw'okutangaaza.

Nimmusiiim' ahabw'okunkunda

Yesu nankunda, naanye mmukunda
Ahabw'okunfeer' aha musharaba
Ekyo nikyo kirikumpamiza,
Ntabangaanise ku arikunkunda.

Nimmusiiim' ahabw'okunkunda

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Nyine Munywani wangye owaabandize kunkunda,
Rukundo y' etakareebwaga niyo yaamumpikize;
Mbwenu ntuura nimpeereza munywani wangye ogwo,
Hati ndi owe, nawe n'owangye ebiro byangye byona.

Munywani wangy' ogwo Yesu akaij' ira kunjuna;

Yamp' amagara masya, kandi yaagaruka yaanyeha.
Tinkimwima byangye byona, amaani n'amagara
Obwengye n'ebind' ebi nyine bib' eby' ebiro byona.

Munywani wangy' ogwo niwe yaahairw' amaani goona
G'okundind' omu muhanda gwe, n'okumpitsy' omu
iguru.
Ku ndanz' eby'ekitiinisa, ebi yambiikiireyo,
Bindeetera kugarukwamu amaani n'amatsiko.

Munywani wangy' ogwo Yesu n'ow'embabazi nydingi,
Omurinzi orikwesigwa, kand' Omuhi w'obwengye;
Ebiriho n'ebiribaho tibirintaanisa
Na Munywani wangy' ogwo Yesu; ndi ow' obutwire
bwona.

Song: 274 Ruhang' Akantoorana

1. Ruhang' akantoorana
Ntaine karungi koono,
Yaanyekundira wenka,
Yaanyozyaho ebibi;
Mbwenu nkaamarayo nta
Eibanja ryangye ryonan?

2. Akanyih' omu kufa,
Yampindur' omwana we;
Yaanyih' omu bugomi,
Yampindur' orikwera;
Mbwenu nkaamarayo nta
Eibanja ryangye ryonan?

3. Ku ndihik' omu iguru
Njwair' okuhikiirira
Okwe, kutari kwangye,
Naareeb' ezo nkojo ze,
Obwo nibwo ndimanya
Eibanja ryangye ryonan

Song: Ndyamuhaki Yesu Kumwebaza

SIGNING OF CERTIFICATES:

Song: AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

by parents and the couple

Song: Carry your candle

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes his home

So carry your candle, run to the darkness

LIGHTING OF CANDLES:

Seek out the helpless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and
lied to Still holds a candle without a flame

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

Cause we are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

NUPTIAL BLESSINGS

The couple kneels before the altar

Priest:

Almighty God, you send your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of all your people. Open the hearts of these your children, to the riches of His grace, that they may bring forth fruit of the Spirit, in love and joy and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, maker of all things, you have enabled us to share in your work of creation, bless this couple with the gift and care of children, that their home may be a place of love, security and truth, and their children grow up to know and love You in Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home; reign in the home of these your servants as Lord and King. Give them grace to minister to others as you have ministered to them, and grant that by deed and word they may be witnesses of your saving love to those among whom they live, for the sake of your Holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, giver of life and love, bless this couple whom you have now joined in Christian marriage. Grant them wisdom and devotion in their life together, that each may be to the other a source of strength in time of need, a source of comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy. Unite their wills in your will and their spirits in Your Spirit that they may live and grow together in love and peace all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal God, true and loving Father, in holy matrimony you make your servants one. May their life together witness to your love in this troubled world; may unity overcome division, forgiveness heal injury, and joy triumph over sorrow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

God the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the

Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

RECESSATIONAL SONG/WEDDING MATCH:

Song: To God be the Glory, great things he hath done.

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord.....

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

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