

Gragg Garneau Wedding

Minister/Officiant: Eric R. Ross

4:30 - Prelude music begins as guests arrive

PROCESSION

5:00 – Grandparents are seated by Gabriel

- Eric enters
- Gabriel's parents are seated by Gabriel
- Genna's mom is seated by Gabriel
- Gabriel joins Eric up front
- Mothers light taper candles for unity candle
- Gabi and Jonathan
- Abreana and Stevie
- Charis and Brenton with ring bearers - Declan and Sterling
- Maugie and Paugie - Flower girl and escort
- Paul and Genna enter

WELCOME

Dearly beloved of God, we have gathered here today for the marriage of Gabriel James Gragg and Genevieve (Genna-vee-EV) Aimee (Amy) Garneau. Genna and Gabriel are here today because they believe that God has directed their steps to each other, to join themselves in marriage.

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

Paul: "Her mother and I do."

INTRO SARA FOR READING

Gabriel and Genna have asked Sara Ross to provide a reading.

(Sara has her own script)

WEDDING SERMON

This beautiful moment, this day and all of its preparation, you who are in the wedding party, you who are guests, you are not just here to observe. You have a responsibility to support Gabriel and Genna throughout their lives as they fulfill the vows they make to one another today.

Every person present here represents an opportunity to demonstrate love, and to exemplify God's endless grace. You are each charged to show love to Genna and Gabriel, and to be an advocate for their growth together. Do you, their family and friends, promise to encourage and support them in creating a strong and vital marriage?

If you do, say, "We do."

Congregation: We do

Genna and Gabriel, as you hear the charge that you will be given today and make your vows to each other, know that these witnesses have assembled to stand beside you throughout your lives.

I am honored to be here today as the minister leading this service, but also as your friend.

I have known you Gabriel through your relationship with the Garneau family for many years and it has been a blessing to get to know you. I have known you Genna all of your life and it has been my pleasure to see you grow into the strong and faithful woman you are.

I am thrilled that God has brought you to this moment and that I have a part in it because marriage is a gift that – mixed with love, and commitment, and faith in God – is the most rewarding relationship you can have in life.

Your marriage exists because God established marriage. Your marriage must be built on God's word. Your marriage is not to say to the world, "Look at a perfect couple." But your marriage *is* to say to the world:

- Look at two people who depend on God's great grace.
- Look at two people who see each other, not as they are, but as who God is making them to be.

When you deal with one another, remember that you *yourself* still need grace, so show grace to one another. Both the joys and difficulties you will experience on the road ahead will provide opportunities for you to show your love for each other and to trust God with every step.

Genna and Gabriel asked me to share this passage of scripture from First Corinthians 13:

“Love is patient, love is kind, love is not jealous, it does not boast, it does not become conceited, it does not behave dishonorably, it is not selfish, it does not become angry, it does not keep a record of wrongs, it does not rejoice at unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. *Love never ends.*”

As you look at one another: Gabriel, this is your bride. Genna, this is your husband. Hold these words close to your hearts.

Pray with me.

Lord, we thank you that you have brought us here to this moment on this day. We love Gabriel and Gena and we are excited about you bringing them together. We pray, Lord, that this covenant, this commitment being made today will honor you and glorify you for their lifetime. May the truth of the gospel be clearly seen in this marriage and may this marriage demonstrate the glorious reality of Christ and the church to all the world around them. Oh, Lord, we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

UNITY CANDLES

Gabriel and Genna will now light the unity candle and take their first communion as husband and wife. The two lighted candles symbolize Genna's and Gabriel's separate lives; lighting the center candle represents that their two lives are now joined to one light. Taking communion acknowledges the place that Jesus Christ holds in their life.

(Pause for candle and communion.)

EXCHANGE OF VOWS & RINGS

Now, I want to ask each of you a very important question.

Gabriel, Do you commit yourself completely to Genna? If you do, say, I do.

Gabriel: I do.

Genna, Do you totally commit yourself completely to Gabriel? If you do, say, I do.

Genna: I do.

Gabriel, Do you possess a token of your love and affection to give to your bride today as a seal of this holy covenant?

(Gabriel offers the ring to Eric.)

Gabriel, may every time you look upon this ring, you not simply see a piece of jewelry but see the commitment that you've made in the sight of God and these witnesses to love Gena without end.

As you place the ring on Genna's finger, repeat after me:

- I, Gabriel, take you Genna as my wife... *repeat*

- to have and to hold, from this day forward,

repeat

- for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health.

repeat

- I promise to pray for you and respect you, *repeat*

- to love, honor, comfort, and cherish you, as long as we

both shall live. *repeat*

(Gabriel places the ring on Genna's finger.)

Genna, Do you possess a token of your love and affection to give your husband this day as a seal of this holy covenant?

(Genna offers the ring to Eric.)

Genna, may every time you look upon this ring, you not simply see a piece of jewelry but see the commitment that you've made in the sight of God and these witnesses to love Gabriel without end.

As you place the ring on Gabriel's finger, repeat after me:

- I, Genna, take you Gabriel as my husband... *repeat*

- to have and to hold, from this day forward,

repeat

- for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health.

repeat

- I promise to pray for you and respect you, *repeat*

- to love, honor, comfort, and cherish you, as long as we both shall live.

repeat

(Genna places the ring on Gabriel's finger.)

PRAYER

Lord, this charge has been received in the sight of these assembled witnesses and in your sight as well. I pray that this charge would be lived out for your glory. Lord, as these vows are made, may it be obvious to all who are gathered here, that these are not just words and that this is not simply religious formality. This is a commitment. Lord, we pray that these vows will never be broken. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE COUPLE

Based on the charge that you have received today and based on the vows that you have taken in the sight of God and these witnesses, Gabriel and Genevieve, we rejoice with you that the two roads that brought you here, will be one as you leave.

You have given sacred vows before each other, before us, and before a holy and righteous God. These vows are never to be broken. What God has joined together let no man separate.

Now, by virtue of the authority invested in me as the minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord in the presence of God and these assembled witnesses, I pronounce you husband and wife.

You may kiss the bride.

Ladies and gentlemen, I now present to you Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Gragg.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

RECESSION OF BRIDE & GROOM, BRIDAL PARTY, ETC.

ERIC RELEASES GUESTS

As the bride and groom gather with family for photos, they invite you to make your way down the hill for the reception. They will join us there shortly. Follow me!