

What Meghan Markle and Prince Harry's Union Says About the Church

The engagement announcement of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle represents hands across the pond. We celebrate the news and wish both of them well. Their union will be unique, the younger prince, fifth in line to the throne of England, marrying a divorcee of African-American origin whose father was Jewish and who was educated at a Roman Catholic girls' school. Her Hollywood career and work with the U.N. make Meghan a perfect fit for the modern monarchy.

The couple will marry in May at St. George Chapel at Windsor Castle.

Gone are the days of narrow-minded attitudes being replaced in this new world, tinged with a little sadness for those who suffered the restriction of the rules, regulations and rigor exercised by our forefathers. Gone are the cobwebs of those entangled and unable to remarry in church; gone is the ethnic envelope, opened at last to the mix of mankind that demands unity.

This is good news on every front as it challenges the norm and opens our hearts to all that we should embrace. This dynamic couple will work hard in the years to come, and Meghan, by choice, has elected to be part of the intrusion of many and the voice that will lead.

I remember seeing the 12-year-old Prince Harry walk before his mother's coffin when she died at the same age Meghan is now. The road without a mother is a hard one to walk for any boy, yet despite that, we see someone who is a truly brave individual and has the courage of his conviction.

As our nation goes through its Brexit divorce, we can look forward to a royal wedding in the meantime to lift all our spirits and to remind us that life goes on, and change is inevitable. Those who embrace the change see new perspectives and fresh opportunities. The twinning across the pond reminds us again that there is a special relationship, and we should be thankful of that too. {eo}

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