

We have gathered from many nations to stand beneath this dome: from the United States, England, Denmark, the Netherlands, Poland, Azerbaijan, France, Catalonia, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. The people in this room speak dozens of languages. The people here have a vision of how large the world is. The people here all care about other people around the world, and they have all done something in their life to express that concern.

Those of us who watched Bryan Turner grow up - we are not surprised. Bryan has always had a compelling desire to meet everyone he sees. Everyone. And he has always had a compelling desire to help everyone he sees. It does not surprise us that Bryan knows and loves so many different people in the world. But we are astonished that he has chosen one person to whom he gives his heart. Maria, we love you, and we thank you for helping Bryan love in ways he never could before.

The witnesses to this love are many more than the people gathered here. Many others wanted to come but could not. They witness this love from afar. Still others have died before this day, and in some mysterious way they are present to us - their spirit and guidance helped in the past, and their influence will continue in the future. The icons that surround us represent the presence of all the holy ones in every time and space, who stand with us here, gathered from around the globe beneath the dome of heaven.

This weekend in the Catholic tradition we honor Christ the King. He rules over every time and space, and he wears the crown of glory. Bryan and Maria, the crowns you wear today are symbols of God's love for you. As Jesus Christ is King, so he crowns you. You already have a share in his glory because you have a share in the mystery of his love. When you love, you take part in a mystery that is greater than yourselves, a mystery that time and space cannot contain. When you love, you experience God, because God is love. Today God shares with you the crowns of glory. Today God shares with you the blessing of eternity. Today God shares with you the mystery of love.

We have come a long distance because love has touched our hearts. Love has to be shared and it has to be nourished. We have come here thirsty to drink from the fountain of your love. Its source is eternal, and its destiny reaches to the ends of the earth. Share your love with everyone you meet. Everyone.