



THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

between

and

Day 00 Month 2026

3 p.m.

The Gathering of the Community

The people stand. The couple stands before the officiant. The officiant greets the congregation

DOMINICAL GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

GREETING

Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of _____ and _____ 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 the 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.

If anyone present knows a reason why _____ and _____ may not lawfully marry, they must declare it now.

and _____, if either of you knows a reason why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

and have come to enter this holy state. They have complied with Civil and Canon Law and have been duly prepared to enter into marriage. They will each give their consent to the other; they will exchange solemn vows, and in token of this, they will (each) give and receive a ring.

We pray with them that with God's help they may fulfil this sacred purpose for the whole of their earthly life together.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O gracious and everliving God, you have created humankind in your image: Look mercifully upon _____ and _____ 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 the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

READING CITATION

read by

GENESIS 1:26-28 , 31A

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

GENESIS 2:4-9,15-24

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:10-13; 8:6-7

A reading from the Song of Solomon.

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 turtle-dove 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 one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

RUTH 1:16-17

A reading from the Book of Ruth.

But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!”

1 SAMUEL 18:1B, 3, 20:16-17, 42A

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Thus Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the Lord seek out the enemies of David.” Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him; for he loved him as he loved his own life. Then Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, since both of us have sworn in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘The Lord shall be between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants, forever.’” He got up and left; and Jonathan went into the city

1 SAMUEL 18:1-4

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father’s house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

MICAH 4:1-4

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

TOBIT 8:5B-8

A reading from the Book of Tobit.

So Sarah got up, and with Tobias began to pray and implore that they might be kept safe. He began by saying, ‘Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors, and blessed is your name in all generations for ever. Let the heavens and the whole creation bless you for ever. You made Adam, and for him you made his wife Eve as a helper and support. From the two of them the human race has sprung. You said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; let us make a helper for him like himself.” I now am taking this kinswoman of mine, not because of lust, but with sincerity. Grant that she and I may find mercy and that we may grow old together.’ And they both said, ‘Amen, Amen.’

ROMANS 12:9-18

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:31B-13:13

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-20

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

GALATIANS 5:14, 22-26

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

EPHESIANS 3:14-19

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 JOHN 3:18-24

A reading from the First Letter of John.

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

1 JOHN 4:7-16, 21

A reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

PSALM 65

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer *
shall all flesh come.

Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot out our transgressions.

Happy are they whom you choose *
and draw to your courts to dwell there!

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, *
by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, *
O God of our salvation,

O Hope of all the ends of the earth *
and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power; * they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamour of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; *
you make it very plenteous;

the river of God is full of water. *
You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

PSALM 67

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase;
may you, O God our God, bless us.

May you bless us, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

PSALM 85:7-13

Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying, *
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, *
that your glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

PSALM 98

Sing a new song to the Lord who has done marvellous things, *
whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory.

O Lord, you have made known the victory; *
you have openly shown your righteousness
in the sight of the nations.

You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before our sovereign, the Lord.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who is coming to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall God judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

PSALM 100

Be joyful in the Lord, *
all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come into the divine presence with a song.
Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God; *
the One made us and to whom we belong;
we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving; go into these courts with praise; *
give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.
For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting; *
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

PSALM 112:1-6

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in the divine commandments!
Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

PSALM 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, *
The Lord has done great things for them.,
The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

PSALM 127

Unless the Lord builds the house, *
their labour is in vain who build it.
Unless the Lord watches over the city, *
in vain the sentinels keep their vigil.
It is in vain that we rise so early and go to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for you, O Lord, give to your beloved sleep.
Children are a heritage from the Lord, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.
Happy are they whose quiver is full of them! *
They shall not be put to shame
when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128

Happy are they all who fear the Lord, *
and who follow in the ways of God!
You shall eat the fruit of your labour; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.
The one who fears the Lord *
shall thus indeed be blessed.
The Lord bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.

PSALM 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when kindred live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, *
upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. * For there the Lord has ordained the
blessing: life for evermore.

PSALM 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise God in the heights.

Praise the Lord all you angels; *
sing praises, all you heavenly host.

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; *
sing praises, all you shining stars.

Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, *
sing praises, you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
who gave the command and they were created,
who made them stand fast for ever and ever, *
who gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wing^ved birds;

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

young men and young women, *
old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendour is over earth and heaven.

The Lord has raised up strength for this people *
and praise for all loyal servants,

the children of Israel, *
a people who are near to the Lord. Hallelujah!

PSALM 149: 1-5

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing the praises of God in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their sovereign.

Let them praise the name of the Lord in the dance; *
let them sing praise to God with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in this people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

The Gospels

MATTHEW 5:1-10(11-16)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp-stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

MARK 12:28-34

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with Jesus, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

LUKE 6:32-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Jesus said, "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

JOHN 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

JOHN 15:9-12(13-17)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

JOHN 17:1-2, 18-26

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth." "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in

them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

THE HOMILY

The Reverend First Last

The Wedding

THE DECLARATION OF CONSENT

The officiant addresses each member of the couple in turn

N., will you have this woman/man/person to be your wife/husband/spouse; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her/him, comfort her/him, honor and keep her/ him, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her/him as long as you both shall live?

Each in turn replies

I will.

The officiant addresses the congregation

You are the witnesses to these vows now being made. Will you do all in your power to support and uphold these two persons in their marriage? If so, say "we will."

We will.

THE MARRIAGE

Each member of the couple, in turn, takes the right hand of the other and says

In the Name of God, I, N., take you, N., to be my wife/ husband/spouse, 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.

THE BLESSING OF THE RINGS

The officiant addresses the congregation in these or similar words.

Dear friends in Christ, let us ask God to bless these rings as signs of the vows by which and have bound themselves to each other.

Silence may be kept. Then, the officiant continues

Blessed are you, God of steadfast love, source of our joy and end of our hope. Bless these rings to be signs of the vows by which and have bound themselves to each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The giver places the ring on the ring finger of the other's hand and says

N., I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honour you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE MARRIAGE

Now that and 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 one another, 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 and Blessing

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us then pray for and in their life together and for the concerns of this community.
For and seeking your blessing and the blessing of your holy people;

Loving God,

Hear our prayer.

For a spirit of loving-kindness to shelter them all their days;

Loving God,

Hear our prayer.

For friends to support them and communities to enfold them;

Loving God,

Hear our prayer.

For peace in their home and love in their family;

Loving God,

Hear our prayer.

For the grace and wisdom to care for the children you entrust to them [or may entrust to them];

Loving God,

Hear our prayer.

For the honesty to acknowledge when they hurt each other, and the humility to seek each other's forgiveness and yours;

Loving God,

Hear our prayer.

For the outpouring of your love through their work and witness;

Loving God,

Hear our prayer.

For the strength to keep the vows each of us has made;

Loving God,

Hear our prayer.

For those who seek justice, peace, and concord among nations;

Loving God,

Hear our prayer.

For those who are sick or suffering, homeless or poor;

Loving God,

Hear our prayer.

For victims of violence and those who inflict it;

Loving God,
Hear our prayer.

For communion with [those who have gone before us, among them: } and all who have died
Loving God,
Hear our prayer.

The officiant concludes with the following or another appropriate collect

Giver of every gift, source of all goodness, hear the prayers we bring before you for and .
Strengthen them as they share in your sacred work, and bring about for them and for all you have
created the fullness of life Jesus promised, who now lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

The people remain standing. The couple kneels, and the officiant continues says one of the following prayers.

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 you, also, for consecrating the union of man and woman in his name. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this man and this woman. 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.

The couple still kneeling, the officiant adds this blessing

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully and with divine favour 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.

The couple stands.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The newly married couple greet each other, after which greetings are exchanged throughout the congregation.

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SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant
Homilist
Musician

THE WEDDING PARTY

Witnesses	
Partner 1 Attendants	
Partner 2 Attendants	
Flower Girl	
Ring Bearer	
Parents of P1	
Parents of P2	