

Bridal Entrance Procession

Introductory Rite

All Stand:

Fr. Paul: *N and N would like to welcome you to the celebration of their marriage. Before God and before you as witnesses, they are to pledge themselves to each other. They now invite each of you to join them in sharing the joy of this celebration and to pray with them that God may bless their marriage.*

Fr. Paul: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

All: *Amen.*

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

All: *And with your spirit.*

Lighting of the Candles

Music

N and N each light a candle representing their individuality and uniqueness.

Penitential Rite

Fr. Paul: *Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the father's forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion*

All: *I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

Fr. Paul: *May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.*

All: *Amen.*

Fr. Paul: *Lord have mercy* **All:** *Lord have mercy*

Fr. Paul: *Christ have mercy* **All:** *Christ have mercy*

Fr. Paul: *Lord have mercy* **All:** *Lord have mercy*

Gloria

All: *Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father, Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen*

Opening Prayer

Fr. Paul: *Let us pray:*

Father, hear our prayer for N and N whom today are united in marriage before your altar. Give them your blessing, and strengthen their love for each other. We ask this through Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: *Amen*

Liturgy of the Word *All Sit:*

First Reading: *A Reading from the Book of Ruth 1:16-17*

Ruth said Do not press me to leave you or turn back from following you. Where you go, I will go. Where you live, I will live. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Wherever you die, I will die and that is where I will be buried. We shall be together forever. And our love will be the gift of our life.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm – (Can be sung)

Response: *The Lord is compassion and Love*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord

All my being bless his holy name

My soul give thanks to the Lord

And never forget all his blessings.

All: *The Lord is compassion and love*

The Lord is compassion and love

slow to anger and rich in mercy

As a father has compassion on his sons,

The Lord has pity on those who love him.

The Love of the Lord is everlasting

upon those who hold him in awe.

his justice reaches out to children's children

when they keep his covenant in truth.

Second Reading (optional)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy; it does not boast; it is not proud. It is not rude; it is not self seeking; it is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease, where there are tongues, they will be stilled, where there is knowledge it will pass away. And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation All stand (Can Be Sung)

Fr. Paul: *The Lord be with you*

All: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according St. John (2:1-11 A wedding in Cana of Galilee)

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.

Fr. Paul: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

All sit

The Rite of Marriage

Fr. Paul: *N and N, you have come to this church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the Priest and this community. Christ blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism; now, by a special sacrament, he strengthens you to fulfil the duties of your married life.*

N and N, you are about to celebrate this sacrament. Have you come here of your own free will and choice without compulsion to marry each other?

Both: *We have*

Fr. Paul: *Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?*

Both: *We will*

Fr. Paul: *Are you willing to accept, with love, the children God may give you and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his Church?*

Both: *We are*

Declaration of Consent

Fr. Paul: *I invite you then to declare before God and his Church your consent to become husband and wife.*

I N (Groom), take you N (Bride) as my wife, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of my life.

I N (Bride), take you N (Husband), as my husband, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of my life?

Fr. Paul: *What God joins together man must not separate. May the lord confirm the consent you have given and enrich you with His blessings.*

Blessing of the Rings

Fr. Paul: *Almighty God, bless these rings as symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love. May N and N always be true to each other, may they be one in heart and mind, may they be united in love forever, Through Christ, Our Lord.*

All: *Amen*

N (Groom): N (Bride), wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

N (Bride): N (Groom), wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Symbols of Unity - Lighting Of the Marriage Candle. Music

N and N light their Marriage Candle which represents their Sacramental Union as husband and wife.

Prayer for the Newly Married Couple

Both: *We thank you Lord and we praise you for bringing us to this happy day.*

You have given us to each other. Now, together, we give ourselves to you.

We ask you Lord make us one in your love; keep us one in your peace.

Protect our marriage. Bless our home. Make us gentle. Keep us faithful. And when life is over unite us again where parting is no more in the kingdom of your love. There we will praise you in the happiness and peace of our eternal home. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful –

For N and N, we pray that their commitment to each other will be eternal, that their home be full of joy and laughter and their support for each other unwavering. We ask that their marriage bring them all the happiness they both deserve.

Lord hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us

We pray for the parents, families and friends of the N and N. We thank them for their constant love and support and thank the Lord for their health and well-being. We ask you to continue to watch over and guide them.

Lord hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us

We pray for both those present and those who could not make it today, that God will continue to keep us all from harm and strengthen us through his support.

Lord hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us

We pray for those less fortunate and who suffer injustice and hardship, may the lord bless them with the peace and the protection of his love.

Lord hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember the smiles and laughter of those who have gone before us, who would have loved to share in the joy and happiness of this day. We thank God for the happy memories they have left with us. Bless them and keep them in your care and may God one day unite us in the joys of his eternal home.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession Gifts presented by Music

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Fr. Paul: *Pray brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.*

All: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.*

Prayers over the Gifts

Fr. Paul: *Lord, accept the gifts we offer you on this happy day. In your fatherly love watch over and protect N and N whom you have united in marriage. Through Christ our Lord.*

All: Amen.

Eucharistic prayer

All stand

Fr. Paul: *The Lord be with you.*

All: *And with your spirit*

Fr. Paul: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: *We lift them up to the Lord our God*

Fr. Paul: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: *It is right and just.*

Fr. Paul: *It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you willed that the human race, created by the gift of your goodness, should be raised to such high dignity that in the union of husband and wife you might bestow a true image of your love.*

For those you created out of charity you call to the law of charity without ceasing and grant them a share in your eternal charity. And so, the Sacrament of holy Matrimony, as the abiding sign of your own love, consecrates the love of man and woman, through Christ our Lord.

Through Jesus Christ the choirs of angels and all the Saints praise and worship your glory. May our voices blend with theirs as we join in their unending hymn of praise.

All: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

All kneel

Fr. Paul: *You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:*

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

The Mystery of Faith.

All: *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

Fr. Paul: *Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.*

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Benedict our Pope and Diarmuid our Bishop and all the clergy.

Be mindful also, Lord of N and N, whom you have brought to their wedding day, so that by your grace they may abide in mutual love and in peace.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

All Stand: Communion Rite

Fr. Paul: *Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words our Saviour gave us*

All: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name thy Kingdom come thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The Nuptial Blessing

Fr. Paul: *Let us humbly invoke by our prayers, dear brothers and sisters, God's blessing upon this bride and groom that in his kindness he may favour with his help those on whom he has bestowed the Sacrament of Matrimony.*

Holy Father, maker of the whole world, who created man and woman in your own image and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing, we humbly beseech you for these your servants, who are joined today in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May your abundant blessing, Lord, come down upon this bride, N and upon N., her companion for life, and may the power of your Holy Spirit set their hearts aflame from on high, so that, living out together the gift of Matrimony, they may enrich the Church.

In happiness may they praise you, O Lord; in sorrow may they seek you out, may they have the joy of your presence to assist them in their toil, and know that you are near to comfort them in their need; let them pray to you in the holy assembly and bear witness to you in the world, and after a happy old age, together with the circle of friends that surrounds them, may they come to the Kingdom of Heaven through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Rite of Peace All kneel

Fr. Paul: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of our Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Fr. Paul: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit

Fr. Paul: Let us offer the sign of peace

Sign of peace Music

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Fr. Paul: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world, blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

Fr. Paul: I give you a new commandment; Love one another as I have Loved you, says the Lord

Communion Music

Communion Reflection Read by

If you have found a smile that is the sweetest one you've known.

If you have heard, within a voice, the echoes of your own.

If you have felt a touch that stirs the longing of your heart.

And still can feel that closeness in the moments you're apart.

If you are filled with wonder at the way two lives can blend,

To weave a perfect pattern that is seamless to the end.

If you believe some things in life are simply meant to be,

then you have found your soulmate, your hearts own destiny.

*If you can always be as close and happy as today,
Yet be secure enough to grow and change along the way.
If you can keep for you alone your love as man and wife,
Yet find the time to share your joy with others in your life.
If you can be as one and walk through marriage hand in hand,
Yet still support the goals and dreams that each of you have planned.
If you can dare to always go your separate ways together,
Then all the wonders of today will stay with you forever.*

Prayer after Communion

All kneel

Fr. Paul: *Let us pray. Lord, in your love you have given us this Eucharist to unite us with one another and with you. As you have made N and N one in this sacrament of marriage and in the sharing of one bread and one cup so now make them one in love for each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Concluding Rite

All Stand

Fr. Paul: *The Lord be with you*

All: *And with your spirit*

Fr. Paul: *Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.*

May God, the eternal Father, keep you steadfast in your love.

All: *Amen.*

Fr. Paul: *May you bear witness among others to the love of God, and welcome you one day into our Father's kingdom.*

All: *Amen.*

Fr. Paul: *May the peace of Christ ever dwell in your home. May the angels of God protect it, and may the holy family of Nazareth be its model and inspiration.*

All: *Amen.*

Fr. Paul: *May almighty God bless all of you, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God

Signing the Register Music

Recessional Music