

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Groom & Bride

11 June 2045

Celebrated by Father ...

VENUE

INTRODUCTION

Dear friends, today we are gathered here as parents, relatives and friends of Groom and Bride to witness and share in their celebration of marriage as they come together in union of Holy Matrimony.

On behalf of the bridal couple and their parents, a very warm welcome to this joyous celebration of love.

Please turn off your phones or put them to silent mode. Thank you.

Let us rise to welcome the bride.

BRIDAL PROCESSION

Processional Song:

ENTRANCE HYMN

This Is The Day

*This is the day that the Lord has made
And I'm so glad He made you
With each rising sun you are here by my side
You are more than a dream come true*

*Oh, to have you, to hold you, to love you, to pray
To share with, to care with, to hold hands and say*

*This is the day that the Lord has made
And I will rejoice, I will rejoice
I will rejoice with you*

*This is the love that the Lord has made
That you and I, we are one
Love's mystery is unfolding today
Written for us in the sun*

*Oh, for better, for worse, for rich or for poor
Each day that passes, I love you more*

*Cause this is the day that the Lord has made
And I will rejoice,
I will rejoice
I will rejoice with you*

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

All: Amen.

Please be seated

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

A reading from the Book of Sirach (Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16)

Blessed the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days;
A worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life.
A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the LORD;
Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights her husband; her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones. A gift from the Lord is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste soul. A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace. Indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul.

Like the sun rising in the LORD'S heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 128

*Response: Blessed are those who love You,
Happy those who follow You,
Blessed are those who seek you, O God.*

Cantor: Happy all those who fear the Lord
And walk in God's pathway
You will find what you long for
The riches of our God (*Response*)

Cantor: Your spouse shall be like fruitful vine
In the midst of your home
Your children flourish like olive plants
Rejoicing at your table (*Response*)

Cantor: May the blessing of God be yours
All the days of your life
May the peace and the love of God
Live always in your heart (*Response*)

SECOND READING

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians 3:12-17

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one Body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation.

All: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Cantor: If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love

All: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Groom 10:6-9

Jesus said: "From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
And be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.
So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Please be seated

HOMILY

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Please remain seated

STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS

Celebrant: Groom and Bride, you have come together in this church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the Church's minister and this community.

Christ abundantly blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism and now he strengthens you by a special sacrament so that you may assume the duties of marriage in mutual and lasting fidelity. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

Celebrant: Groom and Bride, have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?

Groom: Yes, I have.

Bride: Yes, I have.

Celebrant: Will you love and honour each other as man and wife for the rest of your lives?

Groom: Yes, I will.

Bride: Yes, I will.

Celebrant: Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

Groom: Yes, I will.

Bride: Yes, I will.

DECLARATION OF CONSENT

Celebrant: Groom and Bride, since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your right hands and declare your consent before God and his Church.

Groom: I, Groom, take you, Bride, to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.

Bride: I, Bride, take you, Groom, to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and

honour you all the days of my life.

Celebrant: You have declared your consent before the Church. May the Lord in his goodness strengthen your consent and fill you both with his blessings. What God has joined, men must not divide.

All: Amen.

BLESSING OF RINGS

Celebrant: Lord, bless these rings and consecrate Groom and Bride in their love for each other. May these rings be a symbol of true faith, and always remind them of their love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Both: Amen.

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Groom: Bride, take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Bride: Groom, take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

General Intercessions

Please stand for the Prayers of the Faithful.

Celebrant: God the Father, source of all life and love, willed that husband and wife should become one flesh in marriage. Let us pray to Him in sincerity of heart on this joyous occasion.

Reader: That the love of Groom and Bride will be like the unconditional love of Christ, a love that forgives more than it demands, and a love that endures. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Groom and Bride may be blessed with children, whom they will welcome, cherish and bring up as good Christians. We pray to the Lord.

(Response)

Reader: That God may bless their parents and families for all the love and care they have showered on Groom and Bride, for the sacrifices they have made to provide a loving home for them. We pray to the Lord.

(Response)

Reader: That all married couples present here may continue to find love and happiness in each other and in God. We pray to the Lord. *(Response)*

Reader: That all of us gathered here today on this special day may remain united with Groom and Bride through friendship and prayer. We pray to the Lord. *(Response)*

Celebrant: O God, from whom all love derives, help this young couple to remain faithful to the promises freely made today. Strengthen them always in their responsibility of building up a new family. Hear our prayers and may Groom and Bride bring your love to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Please be seated

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERATORY HYMN

All Man's Labour

Refrain: *May this lowly bread and wine,
Be the sacrifice divine,
Of our Saviour, Jesus Christ
Of our Saviour, Jesus Christ*

*All man's labour can produce,
You have given for our use,
Take O Lord our offering
Take O Lord our offering*

*On this gifts of bread and wine
Of our sacrifice a sign
Father look with favour now
Father look with favour now*

Please stand

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Celebrant: Pray brethren that our sacrifice 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 Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Lord, accept the gifts we offer you on this happy day. In your Fatherly love, watch over and protect Groom and Bride, whom you have united in this sacrament of marriage. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

All: It is right and just.

PREFACE

Celebrant: 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 love, consecrate the love of man and woman, through Christ our Lord.

Through Him, with the Angels and all the Saints, we sing the hymn of Your praise, as without end we acclaim:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of host, 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.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Catholics please kneel

Celebrant: Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit

come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you.”

When supper was ended, he took the Cup. Again, he gave you thanks and praise, gave the Cup to his disciples, and said:

“Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all men so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim Your death, O Lord
And profess your resurrection
until You come again.

Celebrant: In memory of His death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with Benedict our Pope, Nicholas our Bishop, and all the clergy.

Remember also, Lord, Groom and Bride, whom you have brought to their wedding day, that by your grace they may always live in mutual love and peace.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of

your presence.

Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, with the Apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

DOXOLOGY

Celebrant: 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, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

Please stand

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: 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.

NUPTIAL BLESSING

(Groom and Bride kneel, guests remain standing)

Celebrant: My dear friends let us ask God for His continued blessings upon Groom and Bride.

Holy Father, creator of the universe, maker of man and woman in your

own likeness, source of blessing for married life, we humbly pray to you for Bride, who today is united with Groom, in this sacrament of marriage.

May your fullest blessing come upon her and her husband so that they may together rejoice in your gift of married love and enrich your Church with their children. May they be noted for their good lives and be parents filled with virtue.

Lord, may they both praise you when they are happy and turn to you in their sorrows. May they be glad that you help them in their work and know that you are there with them in their need.

May they pray to you in the community of the Church and be your witnesses in the world. May they reach old age in the company of friends and come at last to the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

Celebrant: 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 your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF BREAD

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..

Please kneel. Non-Catholics may be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to His supper.

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

The Body of Christ is to be received by baptized Catholics only.

COMMUNION HYMN

Speak Love

*Here we stand together, lifting songs of deepest praise,
But will the sound outside these walls be heard
Since love can be the living proof of the words we share as truth*

Our lives must speak louder than our words.

*Speak love with your love, speak life with your life.
In everything you are let Him shine through.
His voice will be heard, without a word,
When His words of love dwell in the heart of you.*

THANKSGIVING HYMN

I Thank You Lord

*I Thank you, Lord,
for the trials that come my way.
In that way I can grow each day
as I let you lead,
And I thank you, Lord,
for the patience those trials bring.
In that process of growing,
I can learn to care.*

*But it goes against the way
I am to put my human nature down
and let the Spirit take control of all I do.
Cause when those trials come,
my human nature shouts the thing to do;
and God's soft prompting can be easily ignored.*

*I thank you, Lord,
for the victory that growing brings.
In surrender of everything
life is so worthwhile.
And I thank you, Lord,
that when everything's put in place,
out in front I can see your face,
and it's there you belong.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we who have shared the food of your table pray for Groom and Bride, whom you have joined together in marriage. Keep them close to you always. May their love for each other proclaim to all the world their

faith in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

FINAL BLESSING

Celebrant: May God, the eternal Father, keep you in love with each other, so that the peace of Christ may stay with you and be always in your home.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May your children bless you, your friends console you and all people live in peace with you.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May you always bear witness to the love of God in this world so that the afflicted and the needy will find in you generous friends, and welcome you into the joys of heaven.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And may almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE REGISTER

Recessional Song:

Please be seated. The bridal couple with their witnesses will proceed to sign the Marriage Certificate at the altar.

RECESSIONAL MARCH

Order of Phototaking

1. Groom's family members (Immediate & Extended)
2. Bride's family members (Immediate & Extended)
3. Wedding entourage
(Maid of Honour, Bestman, Bridesmaids and Flowergirl)

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to:

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With So Much Love,
Groom & Bride