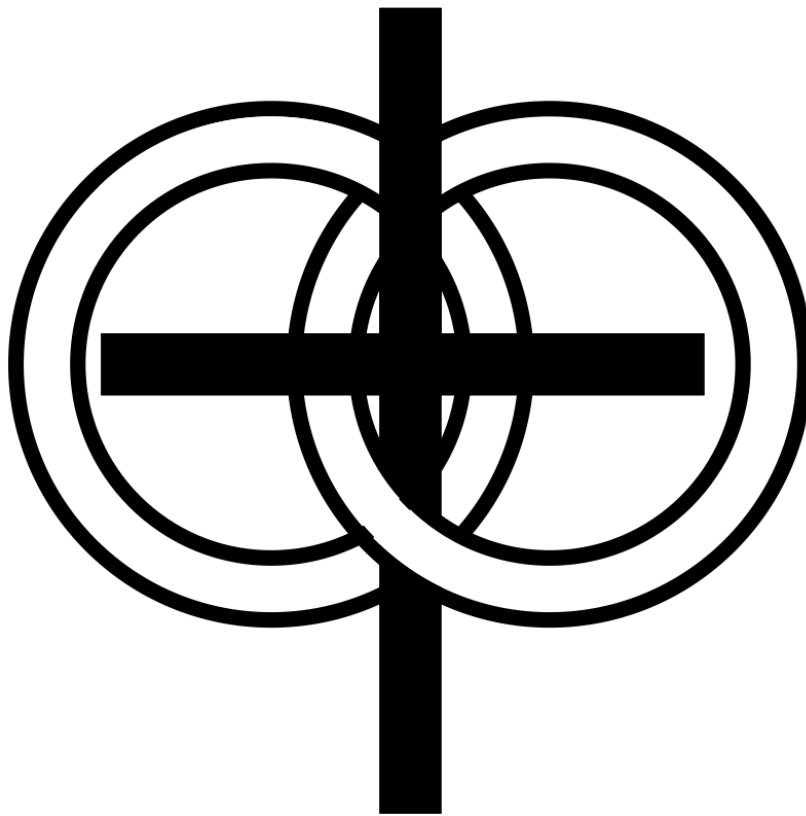


# WEDDING READINGS



## Old Testament

- B1 Genesis 1 (creation of man & woman)
- B2 Genesis 2 (woman from man's rib)
- B3 Genesis 24 (Isaac & Rebekah)  
Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (greatest commandment)  
Deuteronomy 8:7-14a, 17-18 (gratitude)  
Ruth 1:8-11a, 13b-17 (Ruth's loyalty to Naomi)
- B4 Tobit 7 (marriage, a joining together)
- B5 Tobit 8 (couple's wedding night)
- B6 Proverbs 31:10-31 (a worthy wife)
- B7 Song of Songs 2 & 8 (love poetry)  
Song of Songs 3:1-4, 8:6-7
- B8 Sirach 26 (describes a good wife)
- B9 Jeremiah 31 (God's new covenant)  
Hosea 2 (God & people betrothed)

## Psalm

- C1 Psalm 33 (God's goodness fills earth)
- C2 Psalm 34 (taste & see Lord's goodness)
- C3 Psalm 103 (God's tender mercy)
- C4 Psalm 112 (obedience to God)  
Psalm 118 (this is the day God made)  
Psalm 121 (God is near, to help)
- C5 Psalm 128 (the joys of home life)
- C6 Psalm 145 (God's compassion)
- C7 Psalm 148 (all creation praises God)

## New Testament

- D1 Romans 8 (nothing can separate us from Christ's love)
- D2 Romans 12 (offer yourselves to God)
- D3 Romans 15 (welcome, joy, & peace)
- D4 1 Corinthians 6 (body a temple of Spirit)
- D5 1 Corinthians 12-13 (love is patient...)
- D6 Ephesians 4:1-6 (life of calling to love)
- D7 Ephesians 5, long or short forms (mystery of marriage & church)  
Philippians 2 (unity not selfishness)
- D8 Philippians 4 (rejoice!)
- D9 Colossians 3 (love is bond of perfection)
- D10 Hebrews 13 (marriage be held in honor)
- D11 1 Peter 3 (agreement, sympathy, & love)
- D12 1 John 3 (love is real & active)
- D13 1 John 4:7-12 (God is love)
- D14 Revelation 19 (wedding feast in heaven)

## Gospel

- F1 Matthew 5:1-12 (Beatitudes)
- F2 Matthew 5:13-16 (salt & light for world)
- F3 Matthew 7 (building a house on rock)  
Matthew 14 (Jesus walks on water)
- F4 Matthew 19 (God unites, we not divide)
- F5 Matthew 22 (the greatest commandments)
- F6 Mark 10 (two become one)
- F7 John 2 (Jesus turns water to wine)  
John 13 (Jesus washes disciples' feet)
- F8 John 15:9-12 (Jesus preaches love)
- F9 John 15:12-16 (Jesus preaches love)
- F10 John 17:20-23 or 26 (Jesus prays for unity)

## A reading from the Book of Genesis

**T**hen God said:

“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.  
Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,  
the birds of the air, and the cattle,  
and over all the wild animals  
and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.”

God created man in his image;  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying:

“Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.  
Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air,  
and all the living things that move on the earth.”

God looked at everything he had made,  
and he found it very good.

The Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

## A reading from the Book of Genesis

**T**he Lord God said:

“It is not good for the man to be alone.

I will make a suitable partner for him.”

So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name.

The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said:

“This one, at last, is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;

This one shall be called ‘woman,’  
for out of ‘her man’ this one has been taken.”

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

The Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

## A reading from the Book of Tobit

**R**aphael and Tobiah entered the house of Raguel

and greeted him.

Raguel sprang up and kissed Tobiah, shedding tears of joy.

But when he heard that Tobit had lost his eyesight,

he was grieved and wept aloud.

He said to Tobiah:

“My child, God bless you!

You are the son of a noble and good father.

But what a terrible misfortune

that such a righteous and charitable man

should be afflicted with blindness!”

He continued to weep in the arms of his kinsman Tobiah.

His wife Edna also wept for Tobit;

and even their daughter Sarah began to weep.

Afterward, Raguel slaughtered a ram from the flock

and gave them a cordial reception.

When they had bathed and reclined to eat,

Tobiah said to Raphael, “Brother Azariah,

ask Raguel to let me marry my kinswoman Sarah.”

Raguel overheard the words; so he said to the boy:

“Eat and drink and be merry tonight,

for no man is more entitled to marry my daughter Sarah  
than you, brother.

Besides, not even I have the right to give her to anyone but you,

because you are my closest relative.

But I will explain the situation to you very frankly.

I have given her in marriage to seven men,  
all of whom were kinsmen of ours,  
and all died on the very night they approached her.

But now, son, eat and drink.

I am sure the Lord will look after you both.”

Tobiah answered, “I will eat or drink nothing  
until you set aside what belongs to me.”

Raguel said to him: “I will do it.

She is yours according to the decree of the Book of Moses.

Your marriage to her has been decided in heaven!

Take your kinswoman;

from now on you are her love,  
and she is your beloved.

She is yours today and ever after.

And tonight, son, may the Lord of heaven prosper you both.

May he grant you mercy and peace.”

Then Raguel called his daughter Sarah, and she came to him.

He took her by the hand and gave her to Tobiah with the words:

“Take her according to the law.

According to the decree written in the Book of Moses  
she is your wife.

Take her and bring her back safely to your father.

And may the God of heaven grant both of you  
peace and prosperity.”

He then called her mother and told her to bring a scroll,  
so that he might draw up a marriage contract  
stating that he gave Sarah to Tobiah as his wife  
according to the decree of the Mosaic law.

Her mother brought the scroll, and he drew up the contract,  
to which they affixed their seals.

Afterward they began to eat and drink.

The Word of the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

## A reading from the Book of Tobit

**O**n their wedding night Tobiah arose from bed

and said to his wife,

“Sister, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord  
to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance.”

Sarah got up, and they started to pray

and beg that deliverance might be theirs.

They began with these words:

“Blessed are you, O God of our fathers;

praised be your name forever and ever.

Let the heavens and all your creation

praise you forever.

You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve

to be his help and support;

and from these two the human race descended.

You said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone;

let us make him a partner like himself.’

Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine

not because of lust,

but for a noble purpose.

Call down your mercy on me and on her,

and allow us to live together to a happy old age.”

They said together, “Amen, amen.”

The Word of the Lord.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

## Del libro de Tobías

**L**a noche de su boda, Tobías se levantó y le dijo a Sara:

“¡Levántate, hermana! Supliquemos al Señor, nuestro Dios, que tenga misericordia de nosotros y nos proteja”.  
Se levantó Sara y comenzaron a suplicar al Señor que los protegiera, diciendo:

“Bendito seas, Dios de nuestros padres  
y bendito sea tu nombre por los siglos de los siglos.  
Que te bendigan los cielos y todas tus creaturas  
por los siglos de los siglos.

Tú creaste a Adán y le diste a Eva como ayuda y apoyo,  
y de ambos procede todo el género humano.

Tú dijiste: ‘No es bueno que el hombre esté solo.  
Voy a hacer a alguien como él, para que lo ayude’ ”.

“Ahora, Señor, si yo tomo por esposa a esta hermana mía,  
no es por satisfacer mis pasiones,  
sino por un fin honesto.

Compadécete, Señor, de ella y de mí  
y haz que los dos juntos vivamos felices hasta la vejez”.

Y los dos dijeron: “Amén, amén.”

**Palabra de Dios.**

**R.** Te alabamos, Señor.



## A reading from the Book of Proverbs

**W**hen one finds a worthy wife,  
her value is far beyond pearls.  
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,  
has an unfailing prize.  
She brings him good, and not evil,  
all the days of her life.  
She obtains wool and flax  
and makes cloth with skillful hands.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her fingers ply the spindle.  
She reaches out her hands to the poor,  
and extends her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;  
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Give her a reward of her labors,  
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**℟.** Thanks be to God.

## A reading from the Song of Songs

**H**ark! my lover – here he comes  
springing across the mountains,  
leaping across the hills.  
My lover is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
Here he stands behind our wall,  
gazing through the windows,  
peering through the lattices.  
My lover speaks; he says to me,  
“Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one,  
and come!

“O my dove in the clefts of the rock,  
in the secret recesses of the cliff,  
Let me see you,  
let me hear your voice,  
For your voice is sweet,  
and you are lovely.”

My lover belongs to me and I to him.  
He says to me:

“Set me as a seal on your heart,  
as a seal on your arm;  
For stern as death is love,  
relentless as the nether world is devotion;  
its flames are a blazing fire.  
Deep waters cannot quench love,  
nor floods sweep it away.”

The Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

## A reading from the Song of Songs

**I** sought him whom my soul loves;

I sought him, but found him not.  
I will rise now and go about the city,  
in the streets and in the squares;  
I will seek him whom my soul loves.

I sought him, but found him not.  
The watchmen found me  
as they went about in the city.  
“Have you seen him whom my soul loves?”  
[and] when I found him,  
I held him, and would not let him go  
until I had brought him into my mother's house.

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,  
the very flame of the Lord.  
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.

The Word of the Lord.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

## A reading from the Book of Sirach

**B**lessed is 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 blessing 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.**

**℟.** Thanks be to God.

## A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

**T**he days are coming, says the LORD,

when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers:

the day I took them by the hand  
to lead them forth from the land of Egypt.

But this is the covenant which I will make

with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.

I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts;

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer will they have need to teach their friends and  
relatives how to know the LORD.

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD.

**The Word of the Lord.**

℟. Thanks be to God.

℞. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.  
But see, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness.**

℞. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**Our soul waits for the Lord,  
who is our help and our shield,  
For in him our hearts rejoice;  
in his holy name we trust.**

℞. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.**

℞. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**℟̄.** I will bless the Lord at all times.

**I will bless the LORD at all times,  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;  
The humble shall hear and be glad.**

**℟̄.** I will bless the Lord at all times.

**Glorify the LORD with me;  
together let us praise his name.  
I sought the LORD and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free.**

**℟̄.** I will bless the Lord at all times.

**Look toward him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,  
and rescued him from all his distress.**

**℟̄.** I will bless the Lord at all times.

**The angel of the LORD is encamped  
around those who fear him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the LORD is good.  
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.**

**℟̄.** I will bless the Lord at all times.

**℟.** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.**

**℟.** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.**

**℟.** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity  
to eternity toward those who fear him,  
And his justice towards children's children  
among those who keep his covenant.**

**℟.** The Lord is kind and merciful.



℞. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,  
we were like men dreaming.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with rejoicing.**

℞. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."  
The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad indeed.**

℞. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the torrents in the southern desert.  
Those that sow in tears  
shall reap rejoicing.**

℞. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Although they go forth weeping,  
carrying the seed to be sown,  
They shall come back rejoicing,  
carrying their sheaves.**

℞. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

℟. The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.

**The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.**

℟. The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.

**Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.  
The eyes of all look hopefully to you  
and you give them their food in due season.**

℟. The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.

**The LORD is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.**

℟. The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.

**℟̥.** Let all praise the name of the Lord.

**Praise the LORD from the heavens,  
praise him in the heights;  
Praise him, all you his angels,  
praise him, all you his hosts.**

**℟̥.** Let all praise the name of the Lord.

**Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.  
Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

**℟̥.** Let all praise the name of the Lord.

**You mountains and all you hills,  
you fruit trees and all you cedars;  
You wild beasts and all tame animals,  
you creeping things and winged fowl.**

**℟̥.** Let all praise the name of the Lord.

**Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,  
the princes and all the judges of the earth,  
Young men too, and maidens,  
old men and boys,  
Praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted.**

**℟̥.** Let all praise the name of the Lord.

**His majesty is above earth and heaven,  
and he has lifted his horn above the people.**

**℟̥.** Let all praise the name of the Lord.

**A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

**I** urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,  
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.

Do not conform yourselves to this age  
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,  
that you may discern what is the will of God,  
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Let love be sincere;  
hate what is evil,  
hold on to what is good;  
love one another with mutual affection;  
anticipate one another in showing honor.

Do not grow slack in zeal,  
be fervent in spirit,  
serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope,  
endure in affliction,  
persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,  
exercise hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you,  
bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,  
weep with those who weep.

Have the same regard for one another;  
do not be haughty but associate with the lowly;  
do not be wise in your own estimation.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil;  
be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all.  
If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.

The Word of the Lord.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

**A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

**B**rothers and sisters:

We ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves;

let each of us please our neighbor for the good,  
for building up.

For Christ did not please himself.

May the God of endurance and encouragement  
grant you to think in harmony with one another,  
in keeping with Christ Jesus,  
that with one accord you may with one voice  
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,  
for the glory of God.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**℟.** Thanks be to God.

**A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

**B**rothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues

but do not have love,

I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy

and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;

if I have all faith so as to move mountains,

but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own,

and if I hand my body over so that I may boast

but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, is not pompous,

it is not inflated, it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice over wrongdoing

but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**℟.** Thanks be to God.

## A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

**B**rothers and sisters:

Live in love, as Christ loved us  
and handed himself over for us.

Husbands, love your wives,  
even as Christ loved the Church  
and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,  
cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,  
that he might present to himself the Church in splendor,  
without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,  
that she might be holy and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.  
He who loves his wife loves himself.

For no one hates his own flesh  
but rather nourishes and cherishes it,  
even as Christ does the Church,  
because we are members of his Body.

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother  
and be joined to his wife,  
and the two shall become one flesh.*

This is a great mystery,  
but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.  
In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself,  
and the wife should respect her husband.

The Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

## A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

**B**rothers and sisters:

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.**

℟. Thanks be to God.



## A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

**B**rothers and sisters:

Let mutual love continue.

Do not neglect hospitality,

for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.

Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment,

and of the ill-treated as of yourselves,

for you also are in the body.

Let marriage be honored among all

and the marriage bed be kept undefiled.

Let your life be free from love of money

but be content with what you have,

for he has said, *I will never forsake you or abandon you.*

Thus we may say with confidence:

*The Lord is my helper,  
and I will not be afraid.*

**The Word of the Lord.**

℟. Thanks be to God.

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint John**

**B**eloved, let us love one another,

because love is of God;

everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.

In this way the love of God was revealed to us:

God sent his only-begotten Son into the world  
so that we might have life through him.

In this is love:

not that we have loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us,

we also must love one another.

No one has ever seen God.

Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**℟.** Thanks be to God

**℣.** The Lord be with you.

**℟.** And with your spirit.

**✠** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**℟.** Glory to you, O Lord.

**W**hen Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**℟.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

E2

God is love;

let us love one another as he has loved us.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**℣. The Lord be with you.**

**℞. And with your spirit.**

**✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

**℞. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**esus said to his disciples:

**“You are the salt of the earth.**

**But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?**

**It is no longer good for anything**

**but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.**

**You are the light of the world.**

**A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.**

**Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;**

**it is set on a lamp stand,**

**where it gives light to all in the house.**

**Just so, your light must shine before others,**

**that they may see your good deeds**

**and glorify your heavenly Father.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**℞. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ king of endless glory!**

E6

Whoever remains in love,  
remains in God and God in him.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**✠. The Lord be with you.**

**℟.** And with your spirit.

**✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

**℟.** Glory to you, O Lord.

**J**esus said to his disciples:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’  
will enter the Kingdom of heaven,  
but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them  
will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came,  
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.

And everyone who listens to these words of mine  
but does not act on them  
will be like a fool who built his house on sand.

The rain fell, the floods came,  
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

And it collapsed and was completely ruined.”

When Jesus finished these words,  
the crowds were astonished at his teaching,  
for he taught them as one having authority,  
and not as their scribes.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**℟.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever remains in love,  
remains in God and God in him.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

E6

**℣. The Lord be with you.**

**℟. And with your spirit.**

**✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

**℟. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**O**ne of the Pharisees, a scholar of the law,

tested Jesus by asking,

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him

“You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two  
commandments.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**℟. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

E2

God is love;

let us love one another as he has loved us.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**℣. The Lord be with you.**

**℟. And also with you.**

**✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

**℟. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**esus 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.**

**℟. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**T**here was a wedding in Cana in Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there.  
Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.  
When the wine ran short,  
the mother of Jesus said to him,  
“They have no wine.”  
And Jesus said to her,  
“Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come.”  
His mother said to the servers,  
“Do whatever he tells you.”  
Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial  
washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons.  
Jesus told them,  
“Fill the jars with water.”  
So they filled them to the brim.  
Then he told them,  
“Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”  
So they took it.  
And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,  
without knowing where it came from  
(although the servants who had drawn the water knew),  
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,  
“Everyone serves good wine first,  
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;  
but you have kept the good wine until now.”  
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee  
and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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E6

**℣. The Lord be with you.**

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**✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.**

**℟. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**esus said to his disciples:

**“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.**

**Remain in my love.**

**If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments  
and remain in his love.**

**“I have told you this so that my joy might be in you  
and your joy might be complete.**

**This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**℟. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**℣.** The Lord be with you.

**℞.** And with your spirit.

**✠** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**℞.** Glory to you, O Lord.

**J**esus said to his disciples:

**"This is my commandment: love one another as I love 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 no longer call you slaves,  
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.  
I have called you friends,  
because I have told you everything  
I have heard from my Father.**

**It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,  
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name  
he may give you."**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**℞.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Universal Prayer

*Priest introduction, then:*

**For this bride and groom, and for their well-being as a family, let us pray to the Lord.**

**℟.** Lord, hear our prayer.

**For all their relatives and friends, and for all who have assisted this couple in their lives, and who have helped them to come to this day, let us pray to the Lord.**

**℟.** Lord, hear our prayer.

**For young people preparing to enter marriage, and for all whom the Lord is calling to another state in life, let us pray to the Lord.**

**℟.** Lord, hear our prayer.

**For all families throughout the world and for lasting peace among all people, let us pray to the Lord.**

**℟.** Lord, hear our prayer.

**That the grace of the Sacrament be renewed by the Holy Spirit in all married people here today and in our families, let us pray to the Lord.**

**℟.** Lord, hear our prayer.

**For all members of our families who have passed from this world, for their entrance into the heavenly kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord.**

**℟.** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Priest continues.*