



*The Complete
Wedding Massbook*

Entrance Hymn:-

_____ and _____ each light a single candle on the altar.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

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

C **And with your spirit**

PENITENTIAL RITE

P Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**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.**

P May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

P Lord, have mercy. *C* **Lord, have mercy.**

P Christ, have mercy. *C* **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord, have mercy. *C* **Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria

**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 (Choice of 4)

P Let us pray

Ref: Opening prayer-1

Father when you created mankind you willed that man and wife should be one. Bind N and N in the loving union of marriage, and make their love fruitful so that they may be living witnesses to your divine love in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Ref: Opening prayer-2

You have made the bond of marriage a holy mystery, a symbol of Christ's love for his Church. Hear our prayers for N and N. With faith in you

and in each other they pledge their love today. May their lives always bear witness to the reality of that love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Ref: Opening prayer-3

Father, hear our prayers for N and N, who today are united in marriage before your altar. Give them your blessing, and strengthen their love for each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Ref: Opening prayer-4

Almighty God, hear our prayers for N and N, who have come here today to be united in the sacrament of marriage. Increase their faith in you and in each other, and through them bless your Church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READINGS (CHOOSE ONE FROM THE FOLLOWING TWELVE)

Ref: 1st-1

A reading from the Song of Songs

I hear my Beloved. See how he comes leaping on the mountains, bounding over the hills. My Beloved is like a gazelle, like a young stag. See where he stands behind our wall. He looks in at the window, he peers through the lattice. My Beloved lifts up his voice, he says to me, "Come then my love, my lovely one, come. My dove, hiding in the clefts of the rock, in the coverts of the cliff, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet and your face is beautiful". My Beloved is mine and I am his. Set me like a seal on you heart, like a seal on you arm. For love is strong as Death, jealously relentless as Sheol. The flash of it is a flash of fire, a flame of the Lord himself. Love no flood can quench, no torrents drown.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 1st-2

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within

them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, "Learn to know the Lord!" No, they will know me, the least no less than the greater - it is the Lord who speaks. This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 1st-3

A reading from the book of Genesis

God said, "Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth."

God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth." God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 1st-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone, I will make him a helpmate. So from the soil the Lord fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: "This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man."

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 1st-5

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Happy the husband of a really good wife; the number of his days will be doubled. A perfect wife is the joy of her husband, he will live out the years of his life in peace. A good wife is the best of portions, reserved for those who fear the Lord; rich or poor, they will be glad of heart, cheerful of face whatever the season. The

grace of a wife will charm her husband, her accomplishments will make him the stronger. A silent wife is a gift from the Lord; no price can be put on a well-trained character. A modest wife is a boon twice over, a chaste character cannot be weighed on scales. Like the sun rising over the mountains of the Lord is the beauty of a good wife in a well-kept house.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 1st-6

A reading from the book of Tobit

On the evening of their marriage, Tobias said to Sarah, "You and I must pray and petition our Lord to win his grace and protection", She stood up, and they began praying for protection, and this was how he began: "You are blessed, O God of our fathers; blessed, too, is your name for ever and ever. Let the heavens bless you and all things you have made for evermore. It was you who created Adam, you who created Eve his wife to be his helpmate like himself." And so I do not take my sister for any lustful motive; I do it in singleness of heart. Be kind enough to have pity on her and on me and bring us to old age together." And together they said, "Amen, Amen."

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 1st-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Abraham's servant said to Laban: "I bless the Lord, God of my master Abraham, who had so graciously led me to choose the daughter of my master's brother for his son. Now tell me whether you are prepared to show kindness and goodness to my master; if not, say so, and I shall know what to do." Laban and Bethuel replied, "This is from the Lord; it is not in our power to say yes or no to you. Rebekah is there before you. Take her and go; and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has decreed." They called Rebekah and asked her do you want to leave with this man?" "I do," she replied. Accordingly they let their sister Rebekah go, with her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. They blessed Rebekah in these words: "Sister of ours, increase to thousands and tens of thousands! May your descendants gain possession of the gates of their enemies!" Rebekah and her servants stood up, mounted the camels, and followed the man. The servant took Rebekah and departed.

Issac, who lived in the Negab, had meanwhile come into the wilderness of the well of Lahai Roi. Now Isaac went walking in the fields as evening fell, and looking up saw camels approaching. And Rebekah looked up and saw Isaac. She jumped down from her camel, and asked the servant, "Who is that man walking through the fields to greet us?" The servant replied, "That is my master"; then she

took her veil and hid her face. The servant told Isaac the whole story, and Isaac led Rebekah into his tent and made her his wife; and he loved her. And so Isaac was consoled for the loss of his mother.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 1st-8

A reading from the book of Tobit

Raguel kissed Tobias and wept. Then finding words, he said "Blessings on you child. You are the son of a noble father. How sad it is that someone so virtuous and full of good deeds should have gone blind!" He fell on the neck of his kinsman Tobias and wept. And his wife Edna wept for him, and so did his daughter Sarah. Raguel killed a sheep from the flock, and gave Tobias and Raphael a warm-hearted welcome.

They washed and bathed and sat down to table. Then Tobias said to Raphael, "Brother Azarias, will you ask Raguel to give me my sister Sarah?" Raguel overheard the words, and said to the young man, "Eat and drink, and make the most of your evening; no one else has the right to take my daughter Sarah - no one but you, my brother. In any case I, for my part, am not at liberty to give her to anyone else, since you are her next of kin. However, my boy, I must be frank with you: I have tried to find a husband for her seven times among our kin's men, and all of them have died in the first evening, on going to her room. But for the present, my boy, eat and drink; the Lord will grant you his grace and peace." Tobias spoke out, "I will not hear of eating and drinking till you have come to a decision about me". Raguel answered, "Very well. Since, as prescribed by the Book of Moses, she is given to you, heaven itself decrees she shall be yours. I shall therefore entrust your sister to you. From now you are her brother and she is your sister. She is given to you from today for ever. The Lord of heaven favour you tonight, my child, and grant you his grace and peace." Raguel called for his daughter Sarah, took her by the hand and gave her to Tobias with these words, "I entrust her to you; the law and the ruling recorded in the Book of Moses assign her to you as you wife. Take her; take her home to your father's house with a good conscience. The God of heaven grant you a good journey in peace." Then he turned to her mother and asked her to fetch him writing paper. He drew up the marriage contract, how he gave his daughter as bride to Tobias according to the ordinance in the Law of Moses. After this they began to eat and drink.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 1st-9

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John seemed to hear the great sound of a huge crowd in heaven, singing, "Alleluia! victory and glory and power to our God!" Then a singing, "Alleluia! victory and glory and power to our God!" Then a voice came from the throne; it said, "Praise our God, you servants of his and all who, great or small, revere him." And I seemed to hear the voices of a huge crowd, like the sound of the ocean or the great roar of thunder, answering, 'Alleluia! The reign of the Lord our God Almighty has begun; let us be glad and joyful and give praise to God, because this is the time for the marriage of the Lamb. His bride is ready, and she has been able to dress herself in dazzling white linen, because her linen is made of the good deeds of the saints.'" The angel said, "Write this: Happy are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb."

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 1st-10

A reading from the Song of Songs

Set me like a seal on your heart, like a seal on your arm. For love is strong as death, passion as relentless as Sheol.

The flash of it is a flash of fire, a flame of Yahweh himself. Love no flood can quench, no torrents drown.

Were a man to offer all his family wealth to buy love, contempt is all that he would gain. Haste away, my love, be like a gazelle, a young stag, on the spice-laden mountain.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 1st-11

A reading from the book of Hosea

When that day comes - declares Yahweh - you will call me, "My husband", no more will you call me, "My master".

I shall banish the names of the Baals from her lips and their name will be mentioned no more.

When that day comes, I shall make a treaty for them with the wild animals, with the birds of heaven and the creeping things of the earth; I shall break the bow and the sword and warfare, and banish them from the country, and I will let them sleep secure.

I shall betroth you to myself forever, I shall betroth you in uprightness and justice, and faithful love and tenderness.

Yes, I shall betroth you to myself in loyalty, and in the knowledge of Yahew.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 1st-12

A reading from the book of Ruth

But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave and to stop going with you, for wherever you go, I shall go, wherever you live, I shall live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Where you die, I shall die and there I shall be buried. Let Yahweh bring unnameable ills on me and worse ills, too, if anything but death should part me from you!"

This is the word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS (CHOOSE ONE FROM THE FOLLOWING 11.
PLEASE NOTE THE PSALM CAN BE SUNG)**

Ref: psalm-1

Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord!

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R)

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R)

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! (R)

Ref: psalm-2

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. (R)

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 fear him. (R)

The love of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear;
his justice reaches out to children's children
when they keep his covenant in truth. (R)

Ref: psalm-3

Response: How good is the Lord to all

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R)

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time. (R)

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R)

Ref: psalm-4

Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.
The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love. (R)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
In him do our hearts find joy.
We trust in his holy name. (R)

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R)

Ref: psalm-5

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

The Lord is my shepherd,
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
Where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters He leads me
To revive my drooping spirit. (R)

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
With these you give me comfort. (R)

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing. (R)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
All the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
For ever and ever. (R)

Ref: psalm-6

Response: I will bless the Lord at all times

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R)

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. (R)

Look towards him and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R)

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R)

Ref: psalm-7

Response: Happy the man who takes delight in the Lord's commands

Happy the man who fears the Lord,
who takes delight in his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth;
the children of the upright are blessed. (R)

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his justice stands firm forever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just. (R)

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.
The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever. **(R)**

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm forever.
His head will be raised on glory. **(R)**

Ref: psalm-8

Response: Praise the name of the Lord

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his host. **(R)**

Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, shining stars.
Praise him, highest heavens
and the waters above the heavens. **(R)**

All mountains and hills,
all fruit trees and cedars,
beasts, wild and tame,
reptiles and birds on the wing. **(R)**

All earth's kings and peoples,
earth's princes and rulers:
young men and maidens,
old men together with children. **(R)**

Ref: psalm-9

Response: In God alone is my soul at rest

In God alone is my soul at rest,
My help comes from him.
He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress:
I stand firm. (R)

Take refuge in God all you people;
trust him at all times.
Pour out your hearts before him
for God is our refuge. (R)

Do not put your trust in oppression,
Nor vain hopes of plunder.
Do not set your hearts on riches,
even when they increase. (R)

Ref: psalm-10

**Response: Set me like a seal on your heart, like a seal on your arm.
Set me like a seal on your heat. How right it is to love you.**

For love is stronger than death,
Stronger even than hell.
The flash of it is a flash of fire,
A flame of Yahweh Himself. (R)

Come than my love;
come my beloved.
No flood can quench our love,
for love, if real, has no end. (R)

Ref: psalm-11

**Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you**

For the love of the Lord is faithful,
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
On those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord:-
The Lord is our help and our shield,
In him do our hearts find joy;
We trust in his holy name. **(R)**

The Responsorial Psalm may be sung

SECOND READINGS (CHOOSE ONE FROM THE FOLLOWING)

Ref: 2nd-1

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

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 2nd-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers and sisters, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your loving bodies as a holy

sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviours of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers should, and have a profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

Bless those who persecute you: never curse them, bless them. Rejoice with those who rejoice and be sad with those in sorrow. Treat everyone with equal kindness; never be condescending but make real friends with the poor. Do not allow yourself to become self-satisfied. Never repay evil with evil but let everyone see that you are interested in the highest ideals. Do all you can to live at peace with everyone.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 2nd-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another.

No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 2nd-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers should, and have a profound respect for each other.

Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

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This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 2nd-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in you hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 2nd-6

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 2nd-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loves us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 2nd-8

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us. Because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in them. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 2nd-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Phillipians

I want you to be happy always in the Lord. I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone - the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry, but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanks giving and that peace of God which is so much greater than we can understand will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus. Finally brothers and sisters, fill your minds with everything that is true,

everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour and everything that can be thought virtuous and worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learned from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you. This is the word of the Lord.

Ref: 2nd-10

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Wives be submissive to your husbands, so that some, though they do not obey the word, may be won without a word by the behaviour of their wives, when they see your reverent and chaste behaviour. Let not yours be the outward adorning with braiding of hair, decoration of gold, and wearing of robes, but let it be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. So once the holy women who hope in God used to adorn themselves and were submissive to their husbands, as _____ obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are now her children if you do right and let nothing terrify you.

Likewise you husbands, live considerately with you wives, bestowing honour on the woman as the weaker sex, since you are joint heirs of the grace of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered.

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind. Do not return evil for evil or reviling for reviling; but on the contrary bless, for to this you have been called, that you may obtain a blessing.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONS (CHOOSE ONE. CAN BE SAID OR SUNG)

Ref: Allel - 1

Alleluia, Alleluia!
As long as we love one another
God will live in us,
and his love will be complete is us.
Alleluia

Ref: Allel - 2

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Anyone who lives in love lives in God,
and God lives in him.
Alleluia

Ref: Allel - 3

Alleluia, Alleluia!
God is love;
let us love one another
as God has loved us.
Alleluia

Ref: Allel - 4

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Everyone who loves is born of God,
and knows him.
Alleluia

Ref: Allel – 5

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Everyone who loves is begotten by God
and knows God.
Alleluia

The Acclamation may be sung

G O S P E L S (ONE OF THE FOLLOWING GOSPELS)

Ref: Gos-1

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. He began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Ref: Gos-2

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him. "They have no wine." Jesus said, "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." There were six water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water", and they filled them to the brim. "Draw some out now," he told them, "and take it to the steward." They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, "People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink: but you have kept the best wine till now." This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.
The Gospel of the Lord

Ref: Gos-3

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved 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 own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you."

The Gospel of the Lord

Ref: Gos-4

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name."

The Gospel of the Lord

Ref: Gos-5

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men."

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord

Ref: Gos-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and to test him they said, "is it against the Law for a man to divorce his wife on any pretext whatever?" He answered, "Have you not read that the creator from the beginning made them male and female and that he said: This is way a man must leave father and mother, and cling to his wife, and the two become one body? They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide."

The Gospel of the Lord

Ref: Gos-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said, "From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is way a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide."

The Gospel of the Lord

Ref: Gos-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A lawyer, to disconcert Jesus, put a question. "Master which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with

all you heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also."

The Gospel of the Lord

Ref: Gos-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but those also who through their words believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe that it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me."

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them."

The Gospel of the Lord

Ref: Gos-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: "It is not those who say to me, 'Lord, Lord', who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.

Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and hurled themselves against the house, and it did not fall: it was founded on rock. But everyone who listens to these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a stupid man who built his house on sand. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and struck that house, and it fell; and what a fall it had"! Jesus had now finished what he wanted to say, and his teaching made a deep impression on the people because he taught them with authority, and not like their own scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord

Ref: Gos-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off in his joy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

The Gospel of the Lord

Ref: Gos-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. 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 there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap, because the standard you use will be the standard used for you.

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

RITE OF MARRIAGE

The Address (Choose one from three)

Ref: Add-1

P Dear children of God, you have come to this church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest and of 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 and without compulsion to marry each other?

Both: We have.

P Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?

Both: We will

P Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his church?

Both: We are.

Ref: Add-2

P Dear children of God, you have come to this church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest and of this community. Christian marriage is a sacred union which enriches natural love. It binds those who enter it to be faithful to each other for ever; it creates between them a bond that endures for life and cannot be broken; it demands that they love and honour each other, that they accept from God the children he may give them, and bring them up in his love.

To help them in their marriage the husband and wife receive the life-long grace of the sacrament.

Is this your understanding of marriage?

Both: It is.

Ref: Add-3

P Dear children of God, you have come today to pledge your love before God and before the Church here present in the person of the priest, your families and friends.

In becoming husband and wife you give yourselves to each other for life. You promise to be true and faithful, to support and cherish each other until death, so that your years together will be the living out in love of the pledge you now make. May your love for each other reflect the enduring love of Christ for his Church.

As you face the future together, keep in mind that the sacrament of marriage unites you with Christ, and brings you, through the years, the grace and blessing of God our Father. Marriage is from God: he alone can give you the happiness which goes beyond human expectation, and which grows deeper through the difficulties and struggles of life.

Put your trust in God as you set out together in life. Make your home a centre of Christian family life. In this you will bequeath to your children a heritage more lasting than temporal wealth.

The Christian home makes Christ and his Church present in the world of everyday things. May all who enter your home find there the presence of the Lord; for he has said: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

Now as you are about to exchange your marriage vows the Church wishes to be assured that you appreciate the meaning of what you do, and so I ask you:

P Have you come here of your own free will and choice to marry each other?

Both: We have.

P Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?

Both: We will

P Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his church?

Both: We are.

Declaration of Consent

P I invite you then to declare before God and his Church, your consent to become husband and wife.

(Choose one from three)

Ref: Declaration-1

_____, do you take _____ as your wife,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
til death do you part? (or - all the days of your life?)

N I do

P _____, do you take _____ as your husband,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
til death do you part? (or - all the days of your life?)

N I do

P What God joins together man must not separate.

May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given,
and enrich you with his blessings.

C **Amen.**

Ref: Declaration-2

N I, _____, take you _____ as my wife,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
til death do us part (or - all the days of our life)

N I, _____, take you _____ as my husband,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
til death do us part (or - all the days of our life)

Ref: Declaration-3

N _____, do you consent to be my wife?

N I do. Do you, _____, consent to be my husband?

N I do.

N I take you as my wife and I give myself to you as your husband.

N I take you as my husband and I give myself to you as your wife.

They join hands and say together

Both: to love each other truly
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
til death do us part (or all the days of our life)

Priest: The Lord has joined you together.
May he confirm the consent that you have given,
and enrich you with his blessing.

Blessing of Rings (Choose one from three)

Ref: Rings-1

P Lord, bless _____ and _____ and consecrate their married life.

May these rings be a symbol of their faith in each other and a reminder of their love. Through Christ our Lord.

Ref: Rings-2

P Lord, bless these rings. Grant that those who wear them may always be faithful to each other. May they do your will and live in peace with you and in mutual love. Through Christ our Lord.

Ref: Rings-3

P May the Lord bless these rings which will be the sign of your love and fidelity. Through Christ our Lord.

Both: Amen.

N: _____, 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: _____, 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: I give you this gold and silver tokens of all I possess.
(or I give you this gift a token of all I possess)

_____ and _____ now light a single candle together symbolising that they are united in the sacrament of marriage.

Prayer of the Faithful

Priest Now that _____ and _____ have given themselves to each other in Christian Marriage let us ask God our Father to keep them and all married couples faithful to him, and united in themselves.

(There are usually 5 or 6 prayers of the faithful)

Ref: Faithful-1

R For _____ and _____ as they begin their married life together and

for happiness in their home. Lord, hear us.

C **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Ref: Faithful-2

R For their parents and friends and all who have helped them to this happy day. Lord, hear us.

C **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Ref: Faithful-3

R For all people who are preparing for marriage and for those called to other vocations. Lord, hear us.

C **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Ref: Faithful-4

R May _____ and _____ be blessed in their children and may their children _____ return their love a hundredfold. Lord, hear us.

C **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Ref: Faithful-5

R For the sick and the suffering: that God may lay his hands gently upon them. Let them feel His strength and His peace. Lord, hear us.

C **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Ref: Faithful-6

R God you ask us to honour our fathers and mothers. In your mercy have pity on the souls of ..., (and,) and may we all see them again in the joy of eternal happiness. Lord, hear us.

C **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Ref: Faithful-7

R For married couples everywhere that their lives will be an example to the world of unity, fidelity and love. Lord, hear us.

C **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Ref: Faithful-8

R For peace in the world and for all who are deprived of love and affection. Lord, hear us.

C **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Ref: Faithful-9

R For all who are victims of injustice, and for those who deprived of love and affection. Lord, hear us.

C **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Ref: Faithful-10

R For the personal intentions of all here present, (*pause*) that God may see fit to grant their requests. Lord, hear us.

C **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Ref: Faithful-11

R For all the faithful departed, especially those whom we ourselves have loved and would have wished to be present on this day. (especially ...) Lord, hear us.

C **Lord, graciously hear us.**

(Choose one the following)

Ref: Priest/faithful-1

Priest O Lord, fill the hearts of _____ and _____ with joy and love. May their home be a place of goodness and of peace. May their door be closed to no neighbour, especially if in need. May their lives be solidly rooted in faith and prayer. May their love for each other help them to know You, who are eternal love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Ref: Priest/faithful-2

God, our Father, you have taught us that love is the fulfilment of the law: may N and N grow in love for each other, and always remain in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn:-

P Pray, sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

C **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
to the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the gifts (Choose one from three)

Ref: Gifts prayer-1

P Lord,
accept our offering for this newly-married couple, N and N
By your love and providence you have brought them together;
now bless them all the days of their married life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Ref: Gifts prayer-2

P 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.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Ref: Gifts prayer-3

P Lord, hear our prayers and accept the gifts we offer for N and N. Today
you have made them one in the sacrament of marriage. May Eucharist,
increase their love for you and for each other. We ask this through Christ
our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer III

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
By this sacrament your grace unites man and woman
in an unbreakable bond of love and peace.
You have designed the chaste love of husband and wife

for the increase both of the human family
and of your own family born in Baptism.
You are the loving Father of the world of nature;
you are the loving Father of the new creation of grace.
In Christian marriage you bring together the two orders of creation:
nature's gift of children enriches the world
and your grace enriches also your Church.
Through 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:

C **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.**

P 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.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P 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 Francis our Pope and Ray . our Bishop and all the clergy.

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 co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

P Through him,
and with him,
and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

C Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

P At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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 (Choose one from four

Ref: Nuptial-1

P Let us ask God to bless _____ and _____ now married
in Christ

and unite them in his love.

Silent prayer. Then the priest continues:

God, our Father, creator of the universe, you made man and woman in your own likeness, and blessed their union.

We humbly pray to you for this bridegroom and bride, today united in the sacrament of marriage.

May your blessing come upon them.

May they find happiness in their love for each other, be blessed in their children and enrich the life of the church.

May they praise you in their days of happiness and turn to you in times of sorrow.

May they know the joy of your help in their work and the strength of your presence in their need.

May they worship you with the Church and be your witnesses in the world.

May old age come to them in the company of their friends, and may they reach at last the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Ref: Nuptial-2

P Let us pray to the Lord for _____ and _____ who as they begin their married life come to God's altar to deepen their love.

Silent prayer. Then the priest continues:

Father, you created man and woman in your own image and united them in body and heart so that they might fulfil your plan for the world.

To reveal the plan of your love, you made the union of husband and wife an image of the covenant between you and your people; through the

sacrament of marriage You perfect this union and make it a sign of Christ's love for his bride the Church.

Lord, bless this husband and wife and protect them. Grant that as they live this sacrament they may learn to share with each other the gifts of your love. May they become one in heart and mind as witnesses to your presence in their marriage. Bless them with children who will be formed by the gospel and have a place in your family in heaven. May N. be a good wife and mother, caring for her home, faithful to her husband, generous and kind. May N. be a good husband and devoted father, gentle and strong, faithful to his wife, and a careful provider for his household. Father, grant that as they now come to your table on earth, they may one day share your feast in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Ref: Nuptial-3

Father, You created the universe and made man and woman in your own likeness. You gave woman as companion to man so that they should no longer be two, but one flesh, teaching us that those you have so united may never be separated.

Father, you have sanctified the union of man and wife by a mystery so holy, that it symbolises the marriage of Christ and his Church. Look with love upon _____ as she asks your blessing. May she live in peace with you and always follow the example of the women whose praises are sung in the scriptures.

May _____ put his trust in her and see her as his companion.

May he always honour her and love her as Christ loves the Church.

Father, keep this husband and wife strong in faith and true to your commandments. May they be faithful to each other, examples of Christian living, and witnesses of Christ. Bless them with children and help them to be parents.

And, after a long and happy life together, may they enjoy the company of your saints in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Ref: Nuptial-4

Let us ask God to bless _____ and _____ now married in Christ,

and unite them in his love.

(through the sacrament of his body and blood).*

Silent prayer. Then the priest continues:

Father, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.
You made us.
You made all that exists.
You made man and woman like yourself in their power to know and love.
You call them to share life with each other,
saying "It is not good for man to be alone"
(You bless them with children to give new life to your people, telling
them: "Increase and multiply, and fill the earth.")

We call to mind the fruitful companionship of Abraham, our father in
faith, and his wife _____.
We remember how your guiding hand brought Rebecca and Isaac
together, and how through the lives of Jacob and Rachel you prepared the
way for your kingdom.

Father, you take delight in the love of husband and wife,
that love which hopes and shares, heals and forgives.

We ask you to bless _____ and _____ as they set out on
their new life.
Fill their hearts with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of understanding, joy,
fortitude and peace.

Strengthen them to do your will, and in the trials of life to bear the cross
with Christ.
May they praise you during the bright days, and call on you in times of
trouble.
(May their children bring them your blessing, and give glory to your
name.) Let their love be strong as death,
a fire that floods cannot drown,
a jewel beyond all price.
May their life together give witness to their faith in Christ.
May they see long and happy days,
and be united forever in the kingdom of your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

**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.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, with faith in your love and mercy,

I eat your body and drink your blood.

Let it not bring me condemnation, but health in mind and body.

Behold the Lamb of God

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb

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

Communion Hymns:-

Closing Prayer Choose one from three

P Let us pray.

Ref: Communion prayer-1

Lord, we who have shared the food of your table pray for our
friends _____ and _____ 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.

Ref: Communion prayer-2

Lord, in your love you have given us this Eucharist to unite us with one another and with you. As you made _____ and _____ one in this sacrament of marriage, so now make them one in love for each other.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Ref: Communion prayer-3

Almighty God, may the sacrifice we have offered and the Eucharist we have shared strengthen the love of _____ and _____, and give us all your fatherly aid. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit**

Choose one from three

Ref: Concluding rite-1

P The Lord Jesus was present at the wedding in Cana; today may he bless you and your families and friends.

C **Amen**

P He loved his Church to the end; may he fill your hearts to overflowing with his love.

C **Amen.**

P May he give you the grace to bear witness to his resurrection, and look forward to his coming with hope and joy.

C **Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Ref: Concluding rite-2

P May God, the eternal Father, keep you steadfast in your love.
C **Amen.**

P May you bear witness among people to the love of God. May the suffering and poor find you generous, and welcome you one day into our Father's kingdom.
C **Amen.**

P 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.
C **Amen.**

Ref: Concluding rite-3

P May God, the almighty Father, grant you his joy;
may he bless you in your children.
C **Amen.**

P May Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in his mercy help you
in good times and in bad.
C **Amen.**

P May the Holy Spirit of God always fill you with his love.
C **Amen.**

P May almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Go announce the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Signing of the Civil Register:-

Recessional Hymn:-

Ref: Poem-1

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.

Ref: Poem-2

*It takes a ring, it takes a prayer.
It takes a dream two people share.
It takes two hearts that beat as one.*

*It takes faith in years to come.
It takes God's blessing from above.
But most of all it takes your love.*

Ref: Thanks-1

***We would like to thank our families and friends
for coming to share this special day with us.***

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Ref: Thanks-2

***To our parents, families and our friends,
we thank you for your help
in making this day so special for us.***

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Ref: Thanks-3

***We thank you all, parents, family and friends,
for being with us on this happy day.***

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