With Special Thanks:

**PRIEST**:

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| **BRIDESMAIDS**:  xxx  xxx  xxx  **FLOWER GIRL**:  xxx  **BRIDE’S PARENTS**:  xxx  xxx | **GROOMSMEN**:  xxx  xxx  xxx  **PAGE BOY**:  xxx  **GROOM’S PARENTS**:  xxx  xxx |

**READINGS**

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**Processional**

*Pachelbel's Canon in D*

*(please stand and remain standing)*

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

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

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: And also with you.**

PRIEST: Father,

we thank you for the gift of BRIDE and GROOM.

They are special reminders of your constant love.

Give them your blessing,

and strengthen their love for each other.

We ask this through Christ our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Candle Ceremony – Part One**

xx and xx

*(please be seated)*

Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading**

Read by **xx**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 9: 7, 9

Go, eat your bread with joy

and drink your wine with a glad heart;

for what you do God has approved beforehand.

Spend your life with the person you love,

through all the fleeting days of life

that God has given you under the sun;

for this is the lot assigned to you in life

and the effort you exert under the sun.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Read by **xx**

Psalm 102: 1-2, 8, 13, 17-18

xx: My soul, give thanks to the Lord,

all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord

and never forget all his blessings.

**All:** **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

xx: The Lord is compassion and love,

slow to anger and rich in mercy.

As a father has compassion for his sons,

the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

**All:** **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

xx: 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.

**All:** **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**Second Reading**

Read by **xx**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:31-13:8

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 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 peace, 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.

**All: Thanks be to God**

*(please stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**If we love one another,**

**God will live in us in perfect love,**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

Read by **PRIEST**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (15: 9 – 12)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father has loved me,

so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my wishes

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father’s wishes

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 wish:

love one another

as I loved you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(please sit)*

**Homily**

**PRIEST**

Liturgy of Marriage

**Giving of Consent**

PRIEST: My dear friends, you have come together in this Church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the Church’s PRIEST and this community. Christ abundantly blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism and now he enriches and strengthens you by a special sacrament so that you may assume the duties of marriage in mutual and lasting fidelity.

And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

BRIDE and GROOM, have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?

BRIDE and GROOM: We have.

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

BRIDE and GROOM: We will.

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

BRIDE and GROOM: We will.

PRIEST: Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your hands, and declare your consent before God and His Church.

*BRIDE and GROOM declare their consent*

**Blessing and Exchange of Rings**

PRIEST: May the Lord bless these rings

Which you give to each other

As the sign of your love and fidelity.

**All:** **Amen**.

***BRIDE and GROOM*** *exchange their rings*

**Candle Ceremony – Part Two**

***BRIDE and GROOM***

**Prayers of the Faithful**

Read by **xx** and **xx**

PRIEST: My dear friends, let us ask God for his continued blessings upon BRIDE and GROOM so that they may always be united in love for each other.

xx: For BRIDE and GROOM.

That their love may be patient and gentle, ready to trust and to endure whatever comes.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

xx: We pray that the Lord’s peace may dwell in BRIDE and GROOM’s home and give hope of peace to the world. Lord hear us.

**All:**  **Lord, hear our prayer.**

xx: For the family and friends of BRIDE and GROOM.

May they continue to support them with their love and friendship. Lord hear us.

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

xx: We pray for our family and friends who are no longer with us. In particular we pray for xx, xx and xx. Lord hear us.

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

xx: For all married people. that they be helped to renew and deepen their love. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**.

xx: For those preparing for their marriage day. That they may enjoy the journey towards marriage and grow closer to one another each day. Lord hear us.

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer**

PRIEST: Father, You have come into the lives of BRIDE and GROOM through the gift of married love.

May they mirror your love and reflect your fidelity in their married life.

We ask this, through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Gifts are presented by **xx** and **xx**

*(please stand)*

PRIEST: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty.

**All:** **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,**

**for the praise and glory of His name,**

**for our good and the good of all His Church.**

PRIEST: Lord, accept our offering for this newly-married couple, BRIDE and GROOM.

By your love you have brought them together;

now bless them all the days of their married lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**All:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might.**

**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.**

*(please be seated)*

**Eucharistic Prayer**

PRIEST: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All:** **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*(please stand)*

**Nuptial Blessing and Sign of Peace**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**All:** **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**grant us peace.**

*(please be seated)*

**Communion**

*Those who are not receiving Holy Communion are invited to come forward and cross their hands on their chest,which will be the sign to PRIEST that they are asking for a blessing.*

*Panis Angelicus*

Sung by **xx**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Signing of the Register**

*Ave Maria*

Sung by **xx**

**Final Blessing**

Scottish Wedding Prayer

Read by **xx**

Lord help us to remember when

we first met and the strong

love that grew between us.

To work that love into

practical things so that nothing

can divide us.

We ask for words both kind

and loving and hearts always

ready to ask forgiveness

as well as to forgive.

Dear Lord, we put our

marriage into your hands.

PRIEST: May the Lord Jesus, who was a guest at the wedding in Cana, bless you and your families and friends

**All: Amen.**

PRIEST: May Jesus, who loved his Church to the end

Always fill your hearts with his love.

**All: Amen.**

PRIEST: May the Holy Spirit of God fill your hearts now and for ever more.

**All: Amen.**

PRIEST: May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**Recessional**

*Handel, La Réjouissance*

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