The marriage of

Bride

and

Groom

Date

Venue

With Special Thanks:

**PRIEST**:

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

**READINGS**

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**USHERS**

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Introductory Rite

*Please stand*

**ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE**

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, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord, and in your kindness pour out your grace on these your servants, GROOM and BRIDE that, coming together before your altar, they may be confirmed in love for one another. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

Liturgy of the Word

**FIRST READING** CORINTHIANS 12:31 – 13:8

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 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 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.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Response: The earth is full of goodness of the Lord.**

Reader: May the Lord bless and protect us all the days of our life.

**All: The earth is full of goodness of the Lord.**

Reader: 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.

**All: The earth is full of goodness of the Lord.**

Reader: 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.

**All: The earth is full of goodness of the Lord.**

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

**All: The earth is full of goodness of the Lord.**

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 1 John 4:7

PRIEST: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

PRIEST: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows him

**All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**GOSPEL**  Mark 10:6-10

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

PRIEST: Jesus said,

 ‘From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why 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.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**HOMILY**

Rite of Marriage

PRIEST: GROOM and BRIDE, you have come to this Church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the Church’s minister and this community. Christ abundantly blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism and now he 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.

**STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS**

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

GROOM & BRIDE: We have.

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

GROOM & BRIDE: We will.

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

GROOM & BRIDE: We will

**DECLARATION OF CONSENT**

PRIEST: GROOM and BRIDE, since it is your intention to enter marriage, join your right hands and declare your consent before God and his Church.

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

BRIDE: I, BRIDE, take you, GROOM, to be my husband. I promise to respect and be true to you in good times and bad, in sickness and in health. I will love and honour you all the days of my life

PRIEST: GROOM and BRIDE, you have declared your consent before the Church. May the Lord in his goodness strengthen your consent and fill you both with his blessings. What God has joined, let no man divide.

**All: Amen.**

**BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS**

PRIEST: Almighty God, bless these rings as symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love.

 May GROOM and BRIDE always be true to each other, may they be one in heart and mind, may they be united in love forever, through Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

GROOM: BRIDE, take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

BRIDE: GROOM, take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PRIEST: GROOM and BRIDE, in the presence of God, your family and friends, you have accepted each other in marriage and have exchanged rings as a symbol of your love.

 In the name of God, you are now husband and wife.

**CANDLE CEREMONY**

GROOM and BRIDE will light their marriage candle

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

PRIEST: My dear friends, let us pray to our Father in heaven that he will keep GROOM and BRIDE united in undivided love, and that he will bless them throughout their married life.

Reader: That their love may be patient and gentle, ready to trust and to endure whatever comes, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: That his peace may dwell in their home and give hope of peace to the world,

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

Reader: That God will make their love and expression of his creative love, and bless them with children, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: That they may pray together in joy and in sorrow, and always give thanks for the gift of each other, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: For those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of GROOM and BRIDE and all present, that they may enjoy perfect happiness in eternal life. let us pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: That all married people may be helped to renew and deepen their love, let us pray to the Lord.

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

PRIEST: Almighty God, you have come into the lives of GROOM and BRIDE through the gift of married love. Remain with them always, and show your great love for those who call you their Father.

**All: Amen**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**COMMUNION**

PRIEST: Let us pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his church.**

PRIEST: Lord, Hear our prayers and accept the gifts that we offer for GROOM and BRIDE. Today you have made them one in the sacrament of marriage. May the mystery of Christ’s unselfish love, which we celebrate in this Eucharist, increase their love for you and for each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you**

PRIEST: Lift up you 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.**

PRIEST: Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him you entered into a new covenant with your people. You restored man to grace in the saving mystery of redemption. You gave him a share in the divine life through his union with Christ. You made him an heir of Christ’s eternal glory. This outpouring of love in the new covenant of grace is symbolised in the marriage covenant that seals the love of husband and wife and reflects your divine plan of love. And so with the angels and all the saints in heaven, we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

PRIEST: At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,**

 **hallowed be thy name;**

 **thy kingdom come,**

 **thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

 **Give us this day our daily bread,**

 **and forgive us our trespasses**

 **as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

 **and lead us not into temptation,**

 **but deliver us from evil.**

**NUPTIAL BLESSING**

PRIEST: My dear friends, let us ask God for his continued blessing upon GROOM and BRIDE.

*All pray silently for a short while.*

*Then the PRIEST::extends his hands and continues:*

 Holy Father, creator of the universe,
maker of man and woman in your own likeness, source of blessing for married life,
we humbly pray to you for this woman
who today is united with her husband in this sacrament of marriage.

 May your fullest blessing come upon her and her husband so that they may together rejoice in your gift of married love and enrich your Church with their children.

 Lord, may they both praise you when they are happy and turn to you in their sorrows.
May they be glad that you help them in their work and know that you are with them in their need.
May they pray to you in the community of the Church, and be your witnesses in the world.
May they reach old age in the company of their family and friends, and come at last to the kingdom of heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**FINAL BLESSING**

PRIEST: The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: May God the all-powerful Father grant you his joy and bless you in your children.

**All: Amen**

PRIEST: May the only begotten Son of God stand by you with compassion in good times and in bad.

**All: Amen**

PRIEST: May the Holy Spirit of God always pour forth his love into your hearts.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Amen**

PRIEST: Go in Peace.

**All: Thanks be to God**

 *Please be seated*

**SIGNING OF THE REGISTER**

**RECESSIONAL**

*Please stand*

Thank You

We would like to thank each of you

for celebrating with us here today.

It means so much to us that we are able to

share this day with our family and closest friends.

We truly appreciate all your love and support

as we join our lives together.

Bride and Groom

(date)