

Celebrating my wedding at Saint Lucy



I wrote your name
in the sky,
but the wind
blew it away.
I wrote your name
in the sand,
but the waves washed
it away.
I wrote your
name in my heart,
and forever it will stay.

ENTRANCE RITE

GATHERING - WELCOME OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM
PROCESSION (ENTRANCE SONG)

GREETING

Today we come to celebrate and witness with joy the union of N... and N..., in the love of Christ in the sacrament of Matrimony. Let us offer our prayers for them that God may shower upon them the graces as they begin their new life together. Let us all be witnesses in this momentous event in the life of N... and N....

OPENING PRAYER

Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord, and in your kindness pour out your grace on these your servants (N. and N), 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.

AMEN.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Song of Songs (2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a)
Hark! 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (148:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-13a, 13c-14a)

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.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (12:31-13:8a)
Brothers 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.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

God is love; let us love one another as he has loved us.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (7:21, 24-25)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

RITE OF MARRIAGE

INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS

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 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

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

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

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

CONSENT

Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your right hands, and declare your consent before God and his Church.

The groom says: **I, N., take you, N., to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.**

The bride says: **I, N., take you, N., to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.**

[I, N., take you, N., for my lawful wife (husband), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.]

RECEPTION OF CONSENT

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

Amen.

BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS

May the Lord bless + these rings which you give to each other as the sign of your love and fidelity.

Amen.

The groom places his wife's ring on her ring finger.

N., 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.

The bride places her husband's ring on his ring finger.

N., 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.

UNITY CANDLE

GROOM and BRIDE go to the altar and, using the flame from the individual candles, together light the centre candle, a symbol of their life together.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

+ *My brothers and sisters, through this common prayer, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for ourselves and for all humankind.*

- For N... and N..., that the Lord who has brought them together on this special day may help their love grow deeper and deeper each day, filling their lives with happiness and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

-For the parents, family and friends of N... and N..., and all who have helped them to become husband and wife. We pray that God will reward them for their goodness. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

-Lord, we pray for the faithful departed. We pray for all our relatives and friends who have touched our lives in a special way but are no longer with us. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

-Let us pray for those who have traveled here be with N... and N... on their special day. May they return home safely. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

+ *Father, we come before you with faith and love. We ask you to hear the prayers we make in the name of Jesus the Lord.*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

SEATED

(may select two people to carry the bread and wine to the altar)

+ Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God forever.

+ Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

+ Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

PRAYER

+ Receive in your kindness, Lord, the offering we bring in gladness before you, and in your fatherly love watch over those you have joined in a sacramental covenant. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

STAND

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

+ The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

+ Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

+ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you willed that the human race, created by the gift of your goodness, should be raised to such high dignity that in the union of husband and wife you might bestow a true image of your love.

For those you created out of charity you call to the law of charity without ceasing and grant them a share in your eternal charity.

And so, the Sacrament of holy Matrimony, as the abiding sign of your own love, consecrates the love of man and woman, through Christ our Lord.

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

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.

THE COMMUNION RITE

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.

+ The mystery of faith.

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

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 N. our Pope and N. 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.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **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

Let us humbly invoke by our prayers, dear brothers and sisters, God's blessing upon this bride and groom, that in his kindness he may favor with his help those on whom he has bestowed the Sacrament of Matrimony. Holy Father, maker of the whole world, who created man and woman in your own image and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing, we humbly beseech you for these your servants, who are joined today in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May your abundant blessing, Lord, come down upon this bride, N., and upon N., her companion for life, and may the power of your Holy Spirit set their hearts aflame from on high, so that, living out together the gift of Matrimony, they may (adorn their family with children and) enrich the Church.

In happiness may they praise you, O Lord, in sorrow may they seek you out; may they have the joy of your presence to assist them in their toil, and know that you are near to comfort them in their need; let them pray to you in the holy assembly and bear witness to you in the world, and after a happy old age, together with the circle of friends that surrounds them, may they come to the Kingdom of Heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

+ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

+ Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

[Giving a rose to the mothers: We want to thank our parents, for all their love and support throughout the years.]

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

COMMUNION

+ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who 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.
+ The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

FLOWERS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

After the procession, at the beginning of the ceremony or after communion, you may leave the altar area and go to the shrine of our Lady. The groom takes the flowers from where they have been prepared and hands them to the bride who places them before the Image of Mary. Both pause for a few moments in private prayer. This might be a time to sing a favorite Marian anthem. May the prayers of the Mother of God accompany you throughout your life!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the power of the Sacrament we have received may find growth in these your servants and that the effects of the sacrifice we have offered may be felt by us all. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING

May the Lord Jesus, who graced the marriage at Cana by his presence, bless you and your loved ones.
Amen.

May he, who loved the Church to the end, unceasingly pour his love into your hearts.

Amen.

May the Lord grant that, bearing witness to faith in his Resurrection, you may await with joy the blessed hope to come.

Amen.

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Thank be to God.

+ Brothers and sisters, may I present to you the newly married couple in our Christian community: N... and N... Let us acknowledge them as husband and wife by giving, them a hearty applause.

RECESSIONAL

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

Blessed the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days; A worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life. A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord; Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face. A gracious wife delights her husband, her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones; A gift from the Lord is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste soul. A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace; indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul. Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Genesis (1:26-28, 31a)

Then 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.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (22:35-40)

One 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.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (2:1-11)

There 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.

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