



**Rite of marriage  
within mass**

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also be with you.

### Penitential Act

**Priest:** Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, that we may prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A brief pause for silence follows*

**All:** 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, (**striking the breast, all say**) 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.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, 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.

## Collect

With hands joined the priest says:

**Priest:** Let us pray.

Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord, and in your kindness uphold what you have established for the increase of the human race, so that the union you have created may be kept safe by your assistance. 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.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Proclaimer goes to the ambo and reads the reading, while all sit and listen.

## First reading

A reading from the Book of Tobit (8:4b-8)

On their wedding night Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife,

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

Sarah got up, and they started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs.

They began with these words:

“Blessed are you, O God of our fathers; praised be your name forever and ever.

Let the heavens and all your creation praise you forever.

You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve to be his help and support;

and from these two the human race descended.

You said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; let us make him a partner like himself.’

Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine not because of lust,

but for a noble purpose.

Call down your mercy on me and on her, and allow us to live together to a happy old age.”

They said together, “Amen, amen.”

The word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm (1. 33:12&18, 20-21)**

**R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

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

**R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

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

**R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

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

**R. The earth is full of the goodness 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.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

## Alleluia

**The priest then bows before the altar and says silently:**

Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim your Gospel. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## The Gospel

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

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

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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

The priest kisses the book and says silently:  
May the words of the Gospel wipe away our sins.

Then follows the homily, which must be preached by a Priest or deacon on all Sundays and holy days of obligation; on other days, it is recommended.

After the homily follows the rite of marriage:

### Rite of Marriage

All stand, including the bride and bridegroom, and the priest addresses them in these or similar words:

**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 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.

The priest then questions them about their freedom of choice, faithfulness to each other, and the acceptance and upbringing of children.

**Priest:** (Name of bride) and (Name of bridegroom), have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?

**Bride and Bridegroom:** Yes I do.

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

**Bride and Bridegroom:** Yes I do.

The following question may be omitted if, for valid reasons.

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

**Bride and Bridegroom:** Yes I do.

### Consent

The priest invites the couple to declare their consent.

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

They join hands.

**The bridegroom says:** I, (Name), take you, (Name), 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, (Name), take you, (Name), 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.

**Receiving their consent, the priest says:** 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.

**All:** Amen.

### Blessing and Exchange of Rings

**Priest:** Lord, bless these rings which we bless in your name. Grant that those who wear them may always have a deep faith in each other. May they do your will and always live together in peace, good will, and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**The bridegroom places his wife's ring on her ring finger.**

**He says: (Name of wife):** 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 wife places her husband's ring on his ring finger.**

**She says: (Name of husband):** 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.

**An applause follows for the new married couple.**

**After the rite of marriage follows the Creed, when prescribed, is said:**

## The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

And one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins and I look  
forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Then follows the Prayer of the Faithful

## Prayers of the Faithful

**Priest:** Now that we have heard God's word in the Bible and experienced the Lord's presence in this exchange of vows, let us present these prayerful petitions for people in the world today.

1. For our Holy Father on earth, the Pope, all bishops and the clergy everywhere that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord hear our prayers*

2. For married persons that they may continue to give, be able to forgive and find happiness deepen with the passing of each day, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord hear our prayers*

3. For **(Name of wife)** and **(Name of husband)**, now beginning their life together, that they may have divine assistance at every moment, the consistent support of friends, the rich blessing of children, a warm love reaching out to others and good health until a ripe old age, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord hear our prayers*

4. For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged or oppressed that they may be strengthened by God's help and aided by their friends, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord hear our prayers*

5. For those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of **(Name of wife)** and **(Name of husband)** and all present for this wedding, that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord hear our prayers*

**Priest:** O ever-living and caring God,  
Jesus taught us to ask,  
to seek and to knock.  
We have just done so,  
confident that you will now  
look upon our many needs,  
considering our trusting faith,  
and in your great love grant these requests  
which we present to you  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

**All:** Blessed be God forever.

*The preparation of the Wine and water:*

*Priest in quiet:* By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

**Priest:** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for we have received from your abundance the wine we offer you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands: it will become for us the spiritual drink.

**All:** Blessed be God forever.

*Priest in quiet prayer:* Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

*Priest in washing of the hands:* Lord wash away my iniquities, cleanse me from my sins.

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

**All:** 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.

**Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings:**

**Prayer over the offerings**

Receive, we pray, O Lord,  
the offering made on the occasion  
of this sealing of the sacred bond of Marriage,  
and, just as your goodness is its origin,  
may your providence guide its course.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## The Eucharistic Prayer

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**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 and just.

**The Priest, with hands extended, continues the Preface.**

## Preface

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,  
through Christ our Lord.

For in him you have made a new covenant with your people,  
so that, as you have redeemed man and woman  
by the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection,  
so in Christ you might make them partakers of divine nature  
and joint heirs with him of heavenly glory.

In the union of husband and wife  
you give a sign of Christ's loving gift of grace,  
so that the Sacrament we celebrate might draw us  
back more deeply into the wondrous design of your love.

And so, with the Angels and all the Saints,  
we praise you, and without end we acclaim:

**All:** Holy, Holy, Holy is the 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.

### Third Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
and all you have created rightly gives you praise,  
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,  
you give life to all things and make them holy,  
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,  
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting  
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:

*(the priest holds his hands outstretched, palms down, over the gifts)*

by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts  
we have brought to you for consecration,  
that they may become  
the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
at whose command  
we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread,  
and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread 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 giving you thanks he said the blessing,  
and gave the chalice 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.**

## Acclamation after Consecration

**Priest:** The mystery of faith

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

Therefore, O Lord,  
we celebrate the memorial  
of the saving Passion of your Son,  
his wondrous Resurrection and  
Ascension into heaven,  
and as we look forward  
to his second coming,  
we offer you in thanksgiving  
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray,  
upon the oblation of your Church,  
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim  
by whose death you willed  
to reconcile us to yourself,  
grant that we, who are nourished  
by the Body and Blood of your Son  
and filled with his Holy Spirit,  
may become one body,  
one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us  
an eternal offering to you,  
so that we may obtain  
an inheritance with your elect,  
especially with the most blessed  
Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
St. Joseph her spouse,  
with your blessed Apostles,  
and glorious Martyrs  
and with all the Saints,  
on whose constant intercession  
in your presence we  
rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,  
we pray, O Lord,  
advance the peace  
and salvation of all the world.  
Be pleased to confirm in faith  
and charity your pilgrim Church on earth,  
with your servant **N.N.** our Pope  
and **N.N.** our Bishop,  
the Order of Bishops,  
all the clergy,  
and the entire people  
you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously  
to the prayers of this family,  
whom you have summoned before you:  
in your compassion, O merciful Father,  
gather to yourself all your children  
scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters  
and to all who were pleasing to you  
at their passing from this life,  
give kind admittance to your kingdom.  
There we hope to enjoy  
forever the fullness of your glory  
through Christ our Lord  
through whom you bestow  
on the world all that is good.

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| <b>Doxology</b> |
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**Priest:** Through him, 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.

**All:** Amen.

## The Communion Rite

**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.

## Blessing of the spouses

**The Priest, with hands joined, calls upon those present to pray, saying:**

Let us humbly invoke by our prayers, dear brothers and sisters,  
God's blessings upon this bride and groom,  
that in his kindness he may favour with his help  
those on whom he has bestowed the Sacrament of Matrimony.

**All pray in silence. Then the Priest, with hands extended over the spouses continues:**

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.N.**,  
and upon **N.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.

**All:** Amen

**Go to the Sign of Peace**

The prayer *Lord Jesus Christ* is omitted and the Priest immediately says:

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| <b>Sign of Peace</b> |
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**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Then the spouses and all present offer one another a sign of peace.

The Mass continues with the Breaking of the Bread, and all that follows, as usual.

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| <b>Commingling</b> |
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*Priest saying quietly:*

May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, bring eternal life to us who receive it.

*(Priest drops a particle of the Host in the Chalice)*

**The priest says the following prayer quietly:**

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.

**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.

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away  
the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the  
supper of the Lamb.

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

### Communion of the Priest

The married couple may receive communion under both kinds.

**Priest:** The Body of Christ  
**Communicant:** Amen.

If the Blood of Christ is administered:

**Priest:** The Body of Christ  
**Communicant:** Amen.

Then follows the communion of the congregation.

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| After communion |
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**Priest:** Let us pray:

Having been made partakers at your table,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that those who are united  
by the Sacrament of Marriage  
may always hold fast to you  
and proclaim your name to the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## Solemn blessing

The Priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom, says:

May God the Eternal Father  
keep you of one heart in love for one another,  
that the peace of Christ may dwell in you  
and abide always in your home.

R. Amen.

May you be blessed in your children,  
have solace in your friends  
and enjoy true peace with everyone.

R. Amen.

May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity,  
so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness  
may one day receive you thankfully  
into the eternal dwelling of God.

R. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

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

R. Amen.

**Priest:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.