

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
Whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping,
And give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

First Reading

Read by: Stephanie Carr

First reading from letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 4: 4-9

I want you to be happy, always happy 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 thanksgiving, 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, 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 or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt 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.

The word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Second Responsorial Psalm 145:8-9, 10 and 15, 17-18
Read by: Stephanie Carr

Response: (9a) How good is the Lord to all

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

All respond: How good is the Lord to all

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
The eyes of all look to you
and you give them their food in due season.

All respond: How good is the Lord to all.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

All respond: How good is the Lord to all.

Second Reading
Read by: Lynn Williams

Second reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:31-13:8)
If I am without love, it will do me no good whatever

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 I 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.

The word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel acclamation

Please stand

All respond: Alleluia, Alleluia

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

All respond: Alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All respond: And with your spirit.**

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

All respond: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 stone 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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY: Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Bidding Prayers

Read by: Colin Mascarenhas

For Lucy and Ben, and for their health and well-being as a family.

Lord, in your mercy. **All respond: Hear our prayer.**

For their relatives and friends, and for all those who assisted Lucy and Ben in bringing them to this happy day.

Lord, in your mercy. **All respond: Hear our prayer.**

For all members of our families who have passed from this world, and for all the departed.

Lord, in your mercy. **All respond: Hear our prayer.**

For all families throughout the world, and for lasting peace among all people.

Lord, in your mercy. **All respond: Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Amen.

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

Blessing of Rings

The priest blesses the wedding rings of Lucy and Ben as a sign of their unending fidelity to each other and of God's unending love.