

OPENING PRAYER

Fr. Joe: Let us pray, Father hear our prayers for Sharon and George, who today are united in marriage before your altar. Give them your blessing and strengthen their love for each other. We ask you this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (sung)

The King Of Love My Shepard is

SECOND READING

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 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 gave away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if 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.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sing Alleluia

GOSPEL

Fr. Joe: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr. Joe: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Joe: Homily

THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

QUESTIONS BEFORE THE CONSENT

Fr. Joe: Sharon and George, you have come to this Church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the Priest and this community. Christ blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism, now by special sacrament, he strengthens you to fulfil the duties of your married life.

Fr. Joe: Sharon and George, you are about to celebrate the sacrament of marriage. Have you come here of your own free will and choice and without compulsion to marry each other?

Sharon &

George: We have

Fr. Joe: Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?

Sharon &

George: We will

Fr. Joe: Are you willing to accept with love, the children God may send you and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his church?

Sharon&

George: We are

DECLARATION OF CONSENT

Fr. Joe: I invite you then to declare before God and his church your consent to become husband and wife.

George Daniel, do you take Sharon Mary as your wife,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
all the days of your life?

George: I do

Fr. Joe: Sharon Mary, do you take George Daniel as your husband,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
all the days of your life?

Sharon: I do

Fr. Joe: What God joins together man must not separate. May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given and enrich you with his blessings.

All: Amen

THE BLESSING & EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Fr. Joe: Almighty God, bless these rings, symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love. May Sharon and George 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

George: Sharon, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love.

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

Sharon: George, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love.

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

LIGHTING OF THE MARRIAGE CANDLE

Let There Be Love Shared Among Us

Sharon and George together light the central candle from their individual candles, a symbol of the love which now unites them in the sacrament of marriage.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr. Joe: Let us now ask God to listen to us and bless our words of prayer which we now offer.

Karolyn: For Sharon and George that their love for each other may continue to grow in the peace of Christ. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Casey: We pray for peace throughout the world and that God may guide world leaders to find peaceful solutions to conflict. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Sinead: For all married couples here today, that, witnessing Sharon and George making their commitment of love, they renew their love for one another. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Patrick: We pray for everyone here today, those who have travelled near and far, we ask you Lord that you watch over us all on our travels and always deliver us safely home.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Fiona: For the deceased relatives and friends of Sharon and George, that God may shower them with eternal love. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord

Mary and Ann bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar.

Fr. Joe: Blessed are you, God of all creations, through your goodness, we have this bread to offer which earth has given human hands have made, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever

Fr. Joe: 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.

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

All: Blessed be God forever

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

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 holy church.

Fr. Joe: Lord, accept our offering for this newly married couple, Sharon and George. By your love and providence, you have brought them together; now bless them all the days of their married life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Fr. Joe: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr. Joe: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr. Joe: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Fr. Joe: 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 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.

Fr. Joe: 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 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 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.

Fr. Joe: The Mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Fr. Joe: 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 Francis our Pope and Raymond our Bishop and all the clergy.

Be mindful also, Lord of Sharon and George, whom you have brought to their wedding day, so that by your grace they may abide in mutual love and in peace.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of 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 coheirs 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 honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

THE COMMUNION RITE

Fr. Joe: Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words our Saviour gave us.

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.

Amen

NUPTIAL BLESSING

Fr. Joe: 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 favour 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, Sharon, and upon George, 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 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. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

Fr. Joe: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom where you live forever and ever

All: Amen

Fr. Joe: The peace of the Lord be with you always

All: And with your spirit

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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Fr. Joe: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are 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.