

THE GLORIA

The 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo' (Glory to God in the highest) is said/sung
The priest intones the opening words of the Gloria. The choir sing the musical setting.

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:
in Gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

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.

THE OPENING PRAYER

Priest: **Let us pray**

O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, join, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love these your servants who are to be united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

[ALL SIT]

FIRST READING

*A reading from the Book of Genesis 1: 26-28, 31a
Male and female he created them.*

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.
And God blessed them.

And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 127 (128)

Congregation response: **Happy are those who fear the Lord**

Happy are you who fear the Lord,
Who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
Happy shall you be, and favoured. **Response**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants
Around your table. **Response**

Behold, thus is the man blessed
Who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you from Zion:
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
All the days of your life. **Response**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:31 - 13:8b

Love is always patient and kind.

Set your mind on the higher gifts. And now I am going to put before you the best way of all. Though I command languages both human and angelic - if I speak without love, I am no more than a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. And though I have the power of prophecy, to penetrate all mysteries and knowledge, and though I have all the faith necessary to move mountains - if I am without love, I am nothing. Though I should give away to the poor all that I possess, and even give up my body to be burned - if I am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is not boastful or conceited, it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage, it does not take offence or store up grievances. Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but finds its joy in the truth. It is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. Love never comes to an end.

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

[ALL STAND]

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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God is love;

Let us love one another As he has loved us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: *John 12:31 - 13:8b*

Love one another, as I have loved you.

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

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.**

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

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know the master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; so that the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

Priest: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

HOMILY

[ALL SIT]

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

Uju and Paul,
on that anniversary of that celebration
at which you joined your lives in an unbreakable bond
through the Sacrament of Matrimony,
you now intend to renew before the Lord
the promises you made to one another.
Turn to the Lord in prayer,
that these vows may be strengthened by divine grace.

Let us call upon the mercy of God the almighty Father,
who in his most provident plan
willed that the history of salvation
be signified in marital love and fidelity

Response: Renew the fidelity of your servants, Lord

Holy Father, who are called faithful,
requiring and rewarding the observance of your covenant,
be pleased to fill with your blessings these your servants
who celebrate the second anniversary
of their marriage. **Response**

Holy Father, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit
enjoy from eternity
perfect oneness of life and communion of love,
grant that these your servants
may always remember and faithfully keep
the covenant of love they made in the Sacrament. **Response**

Holy Father, who in your providence
order all the experiences of human life
so as to lead the faithful to share in the mystery of Christ,
grant that these your servants
serenely accepting both good times and bad
may strive to cling to Christ and live for him alone. **Response**

Holy Father, who willed that the partnership
of Marriage
should be an example of Christian living,
grant that all married couples
may be witnesses in the world
to the mystery of your Son's love. **Response**

O God, in whose plan
family life has its firm foundation,
hear with compassion the prayers of your servants
and grant that,
following the example of the Holy Family,
they may praise you without end in the joy of your house.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[ALL STAND]

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.

Priest: We praise you, O God,
We bless you, creator of all things,
who in the beginning made man and woman
that they might form a communion of life and love.
We also give you thanks
for graciously blessing the family life
of your servants Uju and Paul,
so that it might present an image of Christ's union
with the Church.
Therefore, look with kindness upon them today,
and as you have sustained their communion
amid joys and struggles,
renew their marriage covenant each day,
increase their charity, and strengthen in them the bond of peace,
so that they may forever enjoy your blessing.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.