

Presider: The Lord be with you

All: And with your Spirit

Lighting of the candles

Alice and Jai each light a candle representing their individuality and uniqueness.

Opening prayer

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 that these your servants who are to be united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they become, by your grace, witnesses to Charity itself. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:

A Reading from the book of Sirach (6: 7-11a, 12, 14-16.)

If you want a friend take them on trial and do not be in a hurry to trust them, for one kind of friend is only so when it suits him but will not stand by you in your day of trouble. Another kind of friend will fall out with you, and to your amazement make your quarrel public. And a third type of friend will share your table but will not stand by you in your day of trouble. When you are doing well, they will be right beside you, but if disaster befalls you, he will turn his back and keep out of your way.

A faithful friend is a true shelter. Whoever finds one has found a real treasure. A faithful friend is invaluable; there is no measuring their worth. A faithful friend is like the deep drink of life and those who follow the Lord will find one.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:

Blest are those who love you

(sang)

The Second Reading:

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

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 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

Presider: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord.

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

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 yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." There were six stone 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 turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the stewards 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

Homily

Rite Of Marriage

Presider: Alice and Jai you are about to celebrate this sacrament.

Have you come here of your own free will and choice and without compulsion to marry each other?

Bride & Groom: We have

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

Bride & Groom: We will

Presider: 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?

Bride & Groom: We are

Declaration of Consent

Presider: I invite you then to declare before God and his Church your decision to become husband and wife

Groom: Alice, do you consent to be my wife?

Bride: I do

Bride: Jai, do you consent to be my husband?

Groom: I do

Alice and Jai join hands and say together:

We take each other as husband and wife and promise to love each other for truly better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health all the days of our life.

Presider: What God joins together man must not separate.

May he confirm the consent that you have given and enrich you with his blessings.

Blessing of Rings

Presider:

Almighty God, bless these rings, symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love.
May Alice and Jai always be true to each other, May they be united in love forever,
Through Christ our Lord

All: Amen

The bridegroom places the ring on the bride's finger

Groom: Alice wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love.

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

The bride places the ring on the bridegrooms finger

Bride: Jai wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love.

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

Lighting of the Marriage Candle

Bride and Groom lights their Marriage Candle which represents their Sacramental Union as husband and wife.

Prayers of the faithful

We pray for Alice and Jai as they begin their married life together. May their home be full of joy and laughter, may God give them good health and may they always find happiness in each other. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

By this marriage, two families have been united. May both families continue to be a source of love, support and guidance through Alice and Jai's life. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord we thank you for the gift of friendship. We pray for the parents, families and friends of Alice and Jai who have come from near and far, and for all the help, support and encouragement they have given. May the Lord reward them for their goodness and kindness. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

As we gather to celebrate this joyful day, we remember the faithful departed whom we have loved. May they watch over us today and join with us in love. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the private intentions of all here present, that God may grant you and your loved ones your requests, and guide you through life. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.