

OPENING PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

EVERYONE RESPONDS: And with your spirit

FIRST READING - Ecclesiasticus 26:1-4, 13-16

Read by Elena Still

Happy the husband of a really good wife;
The number of his days will be doubled.
A perfect wife is the joy of her husband,
he will live out the years of his life in peace.
A good wife is the best of portions,
reserved for those who fear the Lord;
Rich or poor, they will be glad of heart;
cheerful of face, whatever the season.

The grace of a wife will charm her husband,
her accomplishments will make him stronger.
A silent wife is a gift from the Lord,
no price can be put on a well-trained character.
A modest wife is a boon twice over,
a chaste character cannot be weighed on scales.
Like the sun rising over the mountains of the Lord,
is the beauty of a wife in a well-kept house.

The Word of the Lord.

EVERYONE RESPONDS: All thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 111 (112)

Read by Linda Hodgkinson

Happy is the man who fears the Lord,
who takes delight in all His commands,
his sons will be powerful on the Earth;
The children of the upright are blessed.

EVERYONE RESPONDS: ALLELUIA!

Riches and wealth are in his house;
His justice stands firm forever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
He is generous, merciful and just.

EVERYONE RESPONDS: ALLELUIA!

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour,
the just man will never waiver,
he will be remembered forever.

EVERYONE RESPONDS: ALLELUIA!

He has no fear of evil news,
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear,
he will see the downfall of his foes.

EVERYONE RESPONDS: ALLELUIA!

Open handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm forever,
his head will be raised in glory.

EVERYONE RESPONDS: ALLELUIA!

SECOND READING - Phillipians 4:4-9

Read by Ryan Leahy

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Phillipians.

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 Jesus Christ.

Finally brothers, fill your mind 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 peace of God will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

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ALLELUIA & GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(V3) 1 John 4:8b.11

Alleluia, alleluia,

God is Love;

Let us love one another

as God has loved us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING - John 15:9-12

Priest: The Lord be with you
EVERYONE RESPONDS: And with your spirit

(GOSPEL READING - Read by Father Stephen Day)

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
EVERYONE RESPONDS: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

(Please be seated)

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Priest: Let us bless the Lord
EVERYONE RESPONDS: Thanks be to God

HYMN - O Perfect Love

O perfect love,
all human thought transcending,
lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne.
That theirs may be the love which knows no ending,
whom thou forevermore dost join in one.

O perfect life,
be thou their full assurance,
of tender charity and steadfast faith,
of patient hope, and quiet brave endurance,
with childlike trust that fears no pain nor death.

Grant them the joy,
which brightens earthly sorrow,
grant them the peace, which calms all earthly strife;
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow,
that dawns upon eternal love and life.