

THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

GREETING

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

Priest: In the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: and also with you

OPENING PRAYER

All: God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and some of you alone are the source of life and love.

Without you, we cannot please you:
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love, that we may worship you now
with thankful hearts and serve you always with willing minds:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PREFACE & DECLARATIONS

THE COLLECT

FIRST READING

Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. it does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

ADDRESS

Given by Fr. Howard Stoker

THE MARRIAGE

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

SECOND READING

First Meeting by ASJ Tessemond

When I first met you, I knew that I had come at last home.

Home after wandering, Home after long-puzzled searching,

Home after long being wind-born, Wave-tossed, night-caught, long being lost. And being with you was normal and needful And natural as sleeping or waking. And I was myself, Who had never been wholly myself.

I was walking and talking And laughing easily at last. And the air was softer,

And sounds were sharper, And colours were brighter,

And the sky was higher, And length was not measured by milestones, And time was not measured by clocks. And this end was a beginning, And these words are the beginning - Of my thanks.

PRAYERS

The response to the words: Lord of life and love is Hear our prayer

THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name;
they 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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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