

ENTRANCE

Priest: With the dew of His grace that you received at Baptism, may God
bless you, today and every day, forever.

All: Amen.

F. Mendelssohn, A Midsummer Night's Dream Op. 61

WORD OF WELCOME

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Priest: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord
Jesus Christ.

All: And with your spirit.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

W.A. Mozart, Kyrie (Missa Brevis KV 65)

Kyrie Eleison (2x) - Lord have mercy on us.

Christe Eleison (2x) - Christ have mercy on us.

Kyrie Eleison (2x) - Lord have mercy on us.

W.A. Mozart, Gloria (Missa Brevis KV 65)

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: God, our Father, it is with great joy that we have gathered here for Alice and Dave's wedding. Before Thy altar they will pledge allegiance to one another, and they want to enter into the marriage covenant which Thou hast sanctified from the beginning of creation. Thus they become one flesh, created by You: male and female. We pray to Thee: be present here at this hour, be present in their lives, even when they may forget Thee—Your faithfulness is stronger than death—safeguard them when faced with false choices in life, grant them steadfastness and confidence in each other. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout the ages.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

First Epistle of the Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verses 1 – 13

Read by Mathilda von Preussen

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour 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. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

W.A. Mozart, Ave Verum

SECOND READING

Us Two, A A Milne

Read by Isabel Wauchope

Wherever I am, there's always Pooh,
There's always Pooh and Me.
Whatever I do, he wants to do,
"Where are you going today?" says Pooh:
"Well, that's very odd 'cos I was too.
Let's go together," says Pooh, says he.
"Let's go together," says Pooh.

“What’s twice eleven?” I said to Pooh.

 (“Twice what?” said Pooh to Me.)

“I think it ought to be twenty-two.”

“Just what I think myself,” said Pooh.

 “It wasn’t an easy sum to do,

But that’s what it is,” said Pooh, said he.

 “That’s what it is,” said Pooh.

“Let’s look for dragons,” I said to Pooh.

 “Yes, let’s,” said Pooh to Me.

We crossed the river and found a few-

“Yes, those are dragons all right,” said Pooh.

 “As soon as I saw their beaks I knew.

That’s what they are,” said Pooh, said he.

 “That’s what they are,” said Pooh.

“Let’s frighten the dragons,” I said to Pooh.

 “That’s right,” said Pooh to Me.

 “I’m not afraid,” I said to Pooh,

And I held his paw and I shouted “Shoo!

Silly old dragons!”- and off they flew.

“I wasn’t afraid,” said Pooh, said he,

 “I’m never afraid with you.”

So wherever I am, there’s always Pooh,

 There’s always Pooh and Me.

 “What would I do?” I said to Pooh,

“If it wasn’t for you,” and Pooh said: “True,

 It isn’t much fun for One, but Two,

Can stick together, says Pooh, says he.

 “That’s how it is,” says Pooh.

THIRD READING

Sonnet XVII, Pablo Neruda

Read by Per Vissers

I love you as the plant that doesn't bloom but carries
the light of those flowers, hidden, within itself,
and thanks to your love the tight aroma that arose
from the earth lives dimly in my body.

I love you without knowing how, or when, or from where,
I love you directly without problems or pride:
I love you like this because I don't know any other way
to love,
except in this form in which I am not nor are you,
so close that your hand upon my chest is mine,
so close that your eyes close with my dreams.

THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 5, Verses 13 – 16

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You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

SERMON

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THE MARRIAGE

A.L. Vivaldi, *Gloria In Excelsis Deo*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Priest: Let's pray for these newlyweds, for all married and single, for their needs and desires.

Prayer: Let us pray for Alice and Dave and their recent connection within the Sacrament of Marriage. May they always cherish their love for each other and protect and love each other for all their lives. Let us pray:

All: Lord our God, we pray that you hear us.

Prayer: Let us pray for our parents who raised us, as well as the family who love us and ask the Lord to watch over them until the end of days. Let us pray:

All: Lord our God, we pray that you hear us.

Prayer: Let us pray for the friendships we have and ask the Lord to sustain us in nurturing these bonds. We also ask the Lord to watch over our friends, both far and near, and to support them in times of need. Let us pray:

All: Lord our God, we pray that you hear us.

Prayer: Let us pray for our present world. May there be peace everywhere and may everyone experience God's love. May God's love be a beacon of hope in difficult times. Let us pray:

All: Lord our God, we pray that you hear us.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Priest: The Lord will be with you.

All: The Lord will keep you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: Our hearts are with the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: He is worthy of our gratitude.

W.A. Mozart, *Sanctus* (Missa Brevis KV 65)

We proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death.

O Lord, until you come again.

OUR FATHER

Let us pray to God our Father with the words that Jesus gave us:

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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Pay no attention to our sins, but to the faith of Your church; fulfil Your promise: give peace in Your name and make us one.

Thou who livest for ever. Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

W.A. Mozart, *Agnus Dei* (Missa Brevis KV 65)

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Blessed are those invited to the supper of the Lord. Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come to me, but speak and I shall be healed.

Mendelssohn, Verleih Uns Frieden

HONOURING THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Alice and Dave honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.

G.R. Caccini, *Ave Maria*