

First Reading: A Reading from the book of Tobit 8: 4-8

Bring us to old age together

by Richard Tucker

On the evening of their marriage, Tobias said to Sarah. 'You and I must pray and petition our Lord to win his grace and protection. 'They began praying for protection, and this was how he began: 'You are blessed, O God of our fathers; blessed, too, is your name for ever and ever. Let the heavens bless you and all things you have made for evermore.

It was you who created Adam, you who created Eve his wife to be his help and support; and from these two the human race was born. It was you who said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; let us make him a helpmate like himself."

And so I do not take my sister for any lustful motive; I do it in singleness of heart. Be kind enough to have pity on her and on me and bring us to old age together.' And together they said, 'Amen, Amen'.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

All: The Lord is compassion and love

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

All: The Lord is compassion and love

The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear; his justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth.

All: The Lord is compassion and love

**Second Reading: A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians 12: 31- 13:8**

If I am without love, it will do me no good whatever

by Jamie Meekins

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Please all stand

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

God is love; let us love one another as God has loved us. Alleluia!

Father Gary: The lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Father Gary: A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:
1-12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Father Gary: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Rite of Marriage

Exchange of Vows

Blessing and Exchange of the Rings

The Signing

Soloist to sing Schubert's Ave Maria

Bidding Prayers

*Read by Alice Bolton, Jack Saunders, Darren Key, Stephanie Ronayne,
Emily Lee*

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

All: Lord, graciously hear us

We pray for Adam and Olivia 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

For all friends here present, young and old, that they be blessed with health and peace. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us

We remember the smiles and laughter of those who have gone before us, who would have loved to share in the joy and happiness of this day. We thank God for the happy memories they have left with us. May God one day unite us again.

All: Lord, graciously hear us

Lord, we are blessed today to be gathered together for a happy occasion. Let us give thanks for our own blessings, for the gifts of life and health, which we so often take for granted and pray for all those who are suffering at this time. We also remember those who care for them, that God will give them the hope and inner strength they need. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us