

First Reading by Susan Nevard - Mother of the Groom

GENESIS 2:18-24

18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

23 The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called 'woman,'
for she was taken out of man."

24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Thanks be to god

PSALM AND RESPONSE

Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love.

They are Happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on who hope in his love.

Response

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. In him do our hearts find joy. We trust in his holy name.

Response

May your love be open upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Response

Second Reading by Colleen Crome - Mother of the Bride

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 I 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.

Reading from the Gospel

MARK 10:6-9

Jesus said, "From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide".

HOMILY

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Bidding Prayers by Victoria Weingartner - Godmother of the Bride

May the grace given to Shannon and Matthew in this Sacrament of Matrimony be always active in them. May it inspire them when life seems dull and strengthen them in times of trial. May it give them understanding in moments of tension, and fill them with gratitude when all goes well. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us

May the love of Shannon and Matthew grow large enough to embrace the children that God may send them. May they in their turn, bring ever greater happiness to their parents. Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us

We pray for all the friends of Shannon and Matthew. We pray especially for those who have had some part in bringing them to this happy day. May God bless them with the gift of his own undying friendship. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

May all married people here with us be reminded of the joy of their own wedding day. May they give thanks for all the happiness they have known.

May each day find them ever more devoted to each other. Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

HYMN - GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP

1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.

Keep me burning till the break of day. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

2 Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing.
Keep me sharing till the break of day. (Refrain)

3 Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.
Keep me singing till the break of day. (Refrain)

4 Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying.
Give me faith in my heart, I pray.
Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying.
Keep me praying till the break of day. (Refrain)