

The Liturgy of the Word:

First Reading: Genesis 1: 26–28. 31a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.' God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it.

Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.'

God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 102 (103): 1-2. 8. 13. 17-18a ± 8a or 17

Reader: The Lord is compassion and love.

Response: 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.

People: 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.

People: 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.

People: The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading - Romans 8: 31b–35. 37–39

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

With God on our side who can be against us?

Since God did not spare his own Son,

but gave him up to benefit us all,

we may be certain, after such a gift,

that he will not refuse anything he can give.

Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen?

When God acquits, could anyone condemn?

Could Christ Jesus? No!

He not only died for us — he rose from the dead,

and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ,

even if we are troubled or worried or being persecuted,

or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked.

These are the trials through which we triumph,

by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this:

neither death nor life, no angel, no prince,

nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power,

or height or depth, nor any created thing,

can ever come between us and the love of God

made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel acclamation:

All stand -

Alleluia, Alleluia!

As long as we love one another. God will live in us, and his love will be
complete in us,
Alleluia!

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 19: 3-6

People: Glory to you, O Lord

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and to test him they said,
'Is it against the Law for a man to divorce his wife
on any pretext whatever?'

He answered, 'Have you not read that the creator from the beginning
made them male and female

and that he said: This is why a man must leave father and mother,
and cling 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.'

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

The Celebration of Marriage

The Reception of Consent

Let us bless the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God

The Prayers of the faithful -

Deacon: Dear brothers and sisters,
let us accompany this new family with our prayers,
that the mutual love of this couple may grow daily
and that God in his kindness
will sustain all families throughout the world.

To each of the bidding prayers the congregation will answer

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Lord Jesus, who are present in our midst,
as Laurence and Keely seal their union
accept our prayer and fill us with your Spirit.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Deacon: At the saviour's command and formed by Divine teaching we
dare to say:

*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.

Hymn 2

*O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!*

*There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.*

*Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.*

*Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.*

The Nuptial Blessing

People: Amen

Hymn 3

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.*

*Finish then, Thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*