

The Rite of Reception

The Liturgy of the Word (Please sit)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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 a; 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 away 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 it is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other peoples 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.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:12.18.20-22 R v.5

ALL: The Lord fills the earth **with his love.**

Gospel (All Stand)

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia!
God is love;
let us love one another
as God has loved us.
Alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you

ALL: And with your spirit

Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to John

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you my servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; everything I have learnt from my father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you lord Jesus **Christ.**

Homily (Please sit)

The Celebration of Marriage (All Stand)

Priest: Dearly beloved, you have come here together before a minister of the Church and in the presence of the community so that your intention to enter in to marriage may be strengthened by the Lord with a sacred seal, and your love be enriched with his blessing, so that you may have strength to be faithful to each other for ever and to assume all the responsibilities of married life. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

The Questions before the Consent

The Civil Declaration of Freedom

The Consent

The Reception of Consent

The Blessing and Giving of rings.

Hymn: Love Divine

Love Divine, all love 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.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
May Thy presence e'er be with us,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thou wouldst approve,
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 with Thee we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.