

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 5:2a,25-32

Read by Ethan Gara, supported by Emma Hathway

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11 read by Father Colin

Father Colin: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Father Colin: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you O Lord

On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me?" His mother said to the servants. "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water."

And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PLEASE BE SEATED

HOMILY

by Father Colin

THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

ADDRESS AND STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS

The Bride and Groom and witnesses stand, the priest asks the couple questions about their freedom to marry. The Bride and Groom respond to each question separately.

"I have" or "I am"

EXCHANGE OF CONSENT

The Priest invites the couple to declare their consent to be married, which they do by stating their marriage vows.

BLESSING AND GIVING OF RINGS

The Priest blesses the wedding rings through prayer and the sprinkling of holy water.

SIGNING OF THE REGISTERS

Nimrod, Elgar

PLEASE STAND

BIDDING PRAYERS

by Holly Jones and Laura Morris

We pray for our family and friends present with us to witness this special day, for those that couldn't be here today and we pray for passed family and friends who would have been so proud to have been here. May they rest in peace.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

For Samantha and Gareth who now celebrate with us their joy and gratitude in receiving God's gift of love in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony; that they may grow old together by sharing life's joys, struggles and challenges in order to become better persons. May the Lord guide them through their lives as husband and wife.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

For all gathered for this celebration; may the joy of this day inspire our loving efforts and enrich the lives of our own family and friends.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

NUPTIAL BLESSING

PLEASE STAND

CONCLUDING RITES

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Trumpet Tune, H.Purcell