

# *The Liturgy of the Word*

## **First Reading**

A reading from the book of Genesis (1:26-28, 31a)

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 the sky, 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 master of the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky and all living animals on the earth." God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm No. 23**

The Lord is my Shepherd

## **Second Reading**

The first letter of St Paul to the 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 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.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (2:1-11)

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said, "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." There were six stone jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water", and they filled them to the brim. "Draw some out now," he told them, "and take it to the steward." They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the stewards who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said: "People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now." This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

# *The Celebration of Marriage*

## **Declaration of Consent**

## **Blessing of the rings**

## **Exchange of rings**

## **Nuptial Blessing**

Priest: Let us ask God to bless Kerry and Dennis now married in Christ, and unites them in his love.

God our Father, creator of the universe,  
you made man and woman in your own likeness,  
and blessed their union.

We humbly pray to you for this bridegroom and bride,  
today united in the sacrament of marriage.

May your blessing come upon them.

May they find happiness in their love for each other,  
be blessed in their children

and be examples to others in the way they live.

May they praise you in their days of happiness  
and turn to you in times of sorrow.

May they know the joy of your help in their work  
and the strength of your presence in their need.

May they worship you with the Church  
and be your witnesses in the world.

May old age comes to them in the company of their friends,  
and may they reach at last the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## *Concluding Rite*

Priest: Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
and so we have the courage to say;

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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.**

### **Signing of the register**

Ave Maria, Schubert.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: May God, the eternal Father, keep you steadfast in your love.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: May you have children to bless you, friends to console you,  
and may you live in peace with all.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Priest: May you bear witness among all to the love of God.  
May the suffering and the poor find you generous and welcome you  
one day into our Father's kingdom.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: May the peace of Christ ever dwell in your home.  
May the angels of God protect it.  
And may the holy family of Nazareth be its model and inspiration.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: And may Almighty God bless you all,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

### **Recession**

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba, Handel.



