

# Wedding Ceremony

## Processional

*Glasgow love theme*

## Introductory rite

Lighting of the candles

*You'll be in my heart instrumental*

## Opening Prayer

O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife  
should be one, join, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love  
Anna and Séamus, who are to be united in the covenant of Marriage,  
so that, as you make their love fruitful,  
they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **First reading**

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

‘Let your love be genuine and sincere, and always prefer good to evil. Love one another with great affection, and always have a profound respect for each other. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up on difficulties to come. Have faith in God and in your love. Be perceptive to the needs of each other. Seek to be compassionate and kind, humble and patient. Always be there for each other when a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you so you must do the same and over all these, be loving, because love binds everything together in your heart.’

The word of the lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

### **Responsorial psalm**

*Here I am Lord*

### **Second Reading**

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

‘Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.’

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Seinn Alleluia*

## **Gospel**

## **Homily**

## **The Rite of Marriage**

Priest: Anna and Séamus, you have come here today so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest, your families and friends. Christ blesses this love.

He has already consecrated you in baptism; now, by a special sacrament he strengthens you to fulfil the duties of your married life. Anna and Séamus, you are about to celebrate the sacrament. Have you come here by your own free will and choice and without compulsion to marry each other?

Both: We have.

Priest: Will you love and cherish each other in marriage all the days of your life?

Both: We will.

Priest: Are you willing to accept with love the children God sends you and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his Church?

Both: We are.

Priest: Will you, the family and friends of Anna and Séamus lend them every help in their life together and be a constant source of love and support to them?

All: We will.

## **Declaration of consent**

Priest: I invite you then to declare before God and his Church your consent to become husband and wife.

Séamus: I Séamus, take you Anna, as my wife, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of our life.

Anna: I Anna, take you Séamus, as my husband, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of our life.

Priest: What God joins together we must not separate. May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given and enrich you with his blessings.

## **Blessing and exchange of the rings**

Priest: Lord, bless Anna and Séamus and consecrate their married life. May these rings be a symbol of their faith in each other, and a reminder of their love. Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen

Séamus: Anna, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Anna: Séamus, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Séamus and Anna: I give you this gold and silver, tokens of all I possess.

## **Lighting of the marriage candle**

### *The Prayer*

Anna and Séamus take two single candles and light the centre candle as a sign of their love and unity

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

We pray for Anna & Séamus as they begin their married life together. May their home be full of joy and laughter. May they have good health and always find happiness in each other.

Lord hear us. All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Through this marriage, two families have been united. We pray for Anna and Seamus' parents and the extended O'Hara and Murphy family. We give thanks for their endless love and support.

Lord, hear us. All: Lord, graciously hear us.

We give a special thanks for Anna and Séamus beautiful son Jack, who has brought so much joy to both families. Through their love and nurturing, may he continue to thrive. Lord, hear us. All: Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for the people of Gaza and everyone affected by conflict across the world. For all friends here present, as well as those who are absent, for all those who are young and old, and those who are near and far, we pray that that you may be blessed with health, peace and happiness.

Lord, hear us. All: Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember Anna's Granda Colin and Séamus' grandparents Ann, Donnie , Séamus and Essie and his Uncle Noel. We think of all that have gone before us, who would loved to share in the joy and happiness of this day. We are thankful for the happy memories they have left with us.

Lord, hear us. All: Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for the private intentions of all here present today, that God may grant you and your loved ones your requests, relieve you of your worries and guide you happily through this life.

Lord, hear us. All: Lord graciously hear us.

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Offertory**

*Caledonia*

### **The Communion Rite**

Our Father in Gaelic

Ár n-Athair atá ar neamh,

Go naofar d'ainim,

Go dtagfadh do ríocht,

Go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.

Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu,

agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha

mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin

Ach ná lig sinn i gcathú,

ach saor sinn ó olc

Amen.

## **Nuptial Blessing**

### **The Sign of Peace**

*Make me a channel of your peace*

May this mingling of the Body and Blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

## **Communion**

*Ave maria*

## **Post Communion Reflection**

### **‘Hands’**

These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever.

These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future.

These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no other.

These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind. These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes; tears of sorrow, and tears of joy.

These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children. These are the hands that will help you to hold your family as one.

These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it.

And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged, will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.

### **Prayer after communion**