

## **Entrance of the Bride**

*Here comes the Bride (Richard Wagner)*

### **Opening Hymn:**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful (Cecil Frances Alexander)*

**All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
'Twas God that made them all**

**Each little flower that opens  
Each little bird that sings  
He made their glowing colors  
And made their tiny wings**

**The purple headed mountains  
The rivers running by  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky**

**The cold wind in the winter  
The pleasant summer sun  
The ripe fruits in the garden  
He made them every one**

**He gave us eyes to see them  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is the Almighty  
Who has made all things well**

## **Introductory Rite**

**Greeting and Opening Prayer by Father Brian**

### **Lighting of the Remembrance Candle**

**Carmel Zawodniak will light a candle to represent those who are no longer with us but always in our hearts.**

### **Lighting of the Candles**

**Mark & Joanne will light individual candles, representing the love and the light they will bring to this day.**

### **Penitential Rite**

**Glory to God in the highest...**

### **Opening Prayer:**

**Fr Brian: 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 these your servants 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 Book of Ecclesiasticus**

**A loving partner is a safe shelter, whoever finds one has found a rare treasure. A loving partner is something beyond price, there is no measuring their worth. A loving partner is a life saving remedy and those who respect the Lord will find true life and, as a person is, so is their loved one.**

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*On Eagles Wings (Michael Joncas)*

*Soloist Paul Lillie*

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"**

*And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand*

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you  
And famine will bring you no fear  
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield**

**You need not fear the terror of the night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day  
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come**

**For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways  
Upon their hands they will bear you up  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone**

**And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand**

## **Second Reading: A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (12:9-18)**

**Let your love be genuine, and sincerely prefer good to evil. Love one another with great affection, and have a profound respect for each other. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if difficulties come, and keep on praying. Think of the needs of others. Seek to be compassionate and kind, humble and patient. Be tolerant with one another and be ready to forgive when one of you has a complaint about the other. The Lord forgives you, so you must do the same, and on top of all these, be loving, because love binds everything in your hearts. And be thankful, whatever we do or say, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, through him.**

**This is the Word of the Lord**

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 2:1-11)**

**There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come? His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

# **The Homily: Father Bria D'Arcy**

## **Rite of Marriage**

**Fr Brian:** Joanne and Mark, you have come to this church so that Lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest and this community. 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.

**Fr Brian:** Joanne and Mark, you are about to celebrate this sacrament. Have you come here of your own free will and choice and without compulsion to marry each other?

**Both:** We have

**Fr Brian:** Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?

**Both:** We will

**Fr Brian:** Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his Church?

**Both:** We are

## **Declaration of Consent**

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

**Mark:** I take you Joanne as my wife, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of our lives

**Joanne:** I take you Mark as my husband, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of our lives

**Fr Brian:** What God joins together man must not separate. May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given, and enrich you with his blessings.

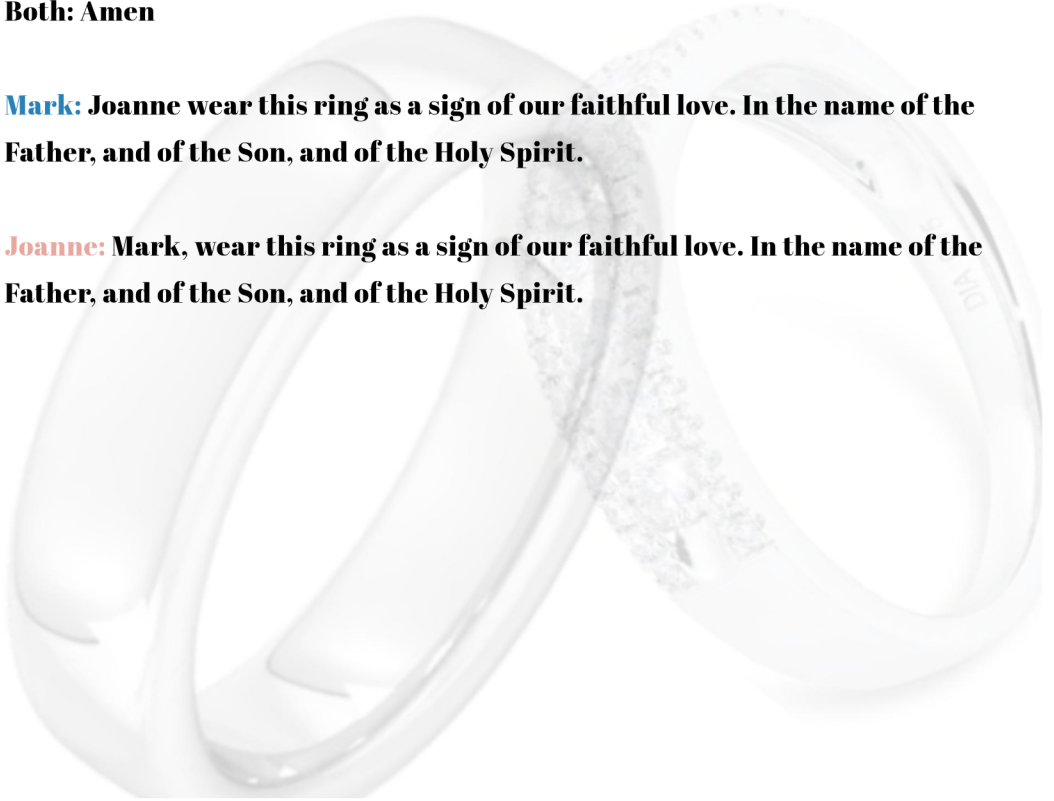
## **Blessing of the Rings**

**Fr Brian:** Almighty God, bless these rings, symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love. May Joanne and Mark always be true to each other. May they be in one heart and mind. May they be united in love forever, through Christ our Lord.

**Both:** Amen

**Mark:** Joanne 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.

**Joanne:** Mark, 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.



## **Lighting of the Marriage Candle**

**Fr Brian** now invites Mark and Joanne to join in the lighting of their marriage candle. Joanne and Mark together light the Marriage Candle to signify that, in the eyes of God and his Church, they are no longer two, but one.

# **Prayers of the Faithful**

*Read by Sean McHale*

**Fr Brian: Now that Joanne and Mark have given themselves to each other in Christian marriage let us ask God our Father to keep them and all married couples faithful to him, and united in themselves.**

**1. We pray for God's blessing on Joanne and Mark. We pray that their marriage is one of loyalty, fidelity and respect and that their home is one of happiness, serenity and contentment.**

**Lord hear us**

**Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

**2. We pray for all couples, especially those gathered here in St. Margaret Clitherow today, and ask that God will give them strength and courage to meet the many challenges of life with confidence and hope.**

**Lord hear us**

**Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

**3. We pray for all here present that God may give you peace in your hearts for today, hope in your hearts for tomorrow and love in your hearts forever.**

**Lord hear us**

**Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

**4. As we gather to celebrate this joyful day we remember especially those dearly loved family members and friends who touched the lives of Mark and Joanne in such a special way and who sadly are no longer here. We thank you Lord for the gifts of true friendship and happy homes**

**Lord hear us**

**Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

**5. We pray for the private intentions of all here present today. May God guide and comfort them and their loved ones, especially in times of worry and need**

**Lord hear us**

**Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

**Let us ask Mary who walked the way of the cross, to accompany our prayers to her  
beloved Son as we say,**

*Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee;*

*Blessed art thou among women and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for our sinners, now and at the hour of our death,*

*Amen.*

**Fr Brian: Concluding Prayer**

### **Offertory Procession**

**Vera & Rosie bring forward the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist**

### **Offertory Hymn: Give me Joy in my Heart**

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising**

**Give me joy in my heart, I pray**

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising**

**Keep me praising 'til the end of day**

*Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna*

*Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings*

*Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna*

*Sing Hosanna to the King*

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting**

**Give me peace in my heart, I pray**

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting**

**Keep me resting 'til the end of day**

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving**

**Give me love in my heart, I pray**

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving**

**Keep me serving 'til the end of day**



# **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

**Receive in your kindness, Lord the offerings we bring in gladness before you and in your fatherly love watch over Mark & Joanne whom who joined in the sacrament of marriage, Through Christ our Lord.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

### **The Mystery of Faith**

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

### **The Communion Rite**

**Fr Brian: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:**

**All: 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.**

**Fr Brian: Deliver us Lord we pray.....**

**All For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

## Nuptial Blessing

**Fr Brian:** Let us ask God to bless Joanne and Mark, now married in Christ and unite them in His love.

God our Father, creator of the universe, you made man and woman in your own likeness, and blesses their union. We humbly pray to you for Joanne and Mark today united in the sacrament of marriage. May your blessing come upon them.

May they find happiness in their love for each other, and enrich the life of the church. 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 strength of your presence in their need. May they worship you with the Church and be your witness in the world. May old age come 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

### The Rite of Peace

**Fr Brian:** The peace of the Lord be with you

**All:** And with your Spirit

**Fr Brian:** Let us offer each other a sign of peace

**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.

**Fr Brian:** Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to his supper.

**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 Hymn**

*Make me a channel of your peace (Jon Cohen)*

*Soloist Paul Lillie*

**Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord  
And where there is doubt true faith in You**

**Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy**

**Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul**

**Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
It is in giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we are born to eternal life**

**Amazing Grace: (John Newton)**

*Soloist Paul Lillie*

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;**

**'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be,  
As long as life endures**



**Poem**

*On Your Wedding Day*

*Read by Joanna Coleman*