

Let me see you,  
let me hear your voice,  
for your voice is sweet,  
and you are lovely.”  
My lover belongs to me and I to him.  
He says to me:  
“Set me as a seal on your heart,  
as a seal on your arm;  
For stern as death is love,  
relentless as the nether world is devotion;  
its flames are a blazing fire.  
Deep waters cannot quench love,  
nor floods sweep it away.”  
The word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading, Mark Fellows**

*A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians*

**12:31–13:8a**

If I am without love, it will do me no good whatever.  
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**

### **Gospel**

Padre Mendo: The Lord be with you

**ALL: And with your spirit**

### *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-16*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything

but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;

it is set on a lampstand,

where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds

and glorify your heavenly Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **Homily**

Padre Mendo

## **The Rite of Marriage**

Padre Mendo: Dearly beloved, you have come together into the house of the Church, so that in the presence of the Church's minister and the community, your intention to enter into Marriage may be strengthened by the Lord with a sacred seal. Christ abundantly blesses the love that binds you. Through a special Sacrament, he enriches and strengthens those he has already consecrated by Holy Baptism, that they may be faithful to each other for ever and assume all the responsibilities of married life. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

Padre Mendo: Have you come here of your own free will and choice and without compulsion to marry each other?

Maddie & Josh: I Have

Padre Mendo: Will you love and honour each other in marriage all of the days of your life?

Maddie & Josh: I Will

Padre Mendo: 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?

Maddie & Josh: I am

## **Exchange of Consent**

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

Josh: I, Josh, take you Maddie, to be my lawful wedded wife,  
To have and to hold from this day forward  
For better, for worse  
For richer for poorer  
In sickness and in health  
To love and to cherish  
Till death do us part

Maddie: I, Maddie, take you, Josh to be my lawful wedded husband,  
To have and to hold from this day forward  
For better, for worse  
For richer, for poorer  
In sickness and in health  
To love and to cherish  
Till death do us part.

## **Reception of Consent**

### **Blessing and Exchange of Rings**

Padre Mendo: May the Lord bless these rings which you give to each other as the sign of your love and fidelity.

ALL: Amen

Josh: Maddie, receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.

Maddie: Josh, receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Faithful

Reader: Lord in your Mercy

**Response (ALL): Hear our Prayer**

### **Offertory**

*"Amazing Grace"*

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

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun

### **Communion Rite**

Padre Mendo: 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.**

### **Nuptial Blessing**

Padre Mendo:

Holy Father, maker of the whole world, who created man and woman  
in your own image and willed that their union be crowned with your  
blessing, we humbly beseech you for these your servants, who are joined  
today in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May your abundant blessing, Lord, come down upon this bride, Maddie, and upon Josh, her companion for life, and may the power of your Holy Spirit set their hearts aflame from on high, so that, living out together the gift of Matrimony, they may adorn their family with children and enrich the Church.

In happiness may they praise you, O Lord, in sorrow may they seek you out; may they have the joy of your presence to assist them in their toil, and know that you are near to comfort them in their need; let them pray to you in the holy assembly and bear witness to you in the world, and after a happy old age, together with the circle of friends that surrounds them, may they come to the Kingdom of Heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen**

### **Communion**

*"Avé Maria, Frei Hermano da Câmara"*

### **Final Blessing**

Padre Mendo: Having been made partakers at your table, we pray, O lord, that those who are united by the Sacrament of Marriage may always hold fast to you and proclaim your name to the world. Through Christ our Lord

**ALL: Amen**

### **Final Blessing:**

Padre Mendo: May God the eternal Father keep you of one heart in love for one another that the peace of Christ may dwell in you and abide always in your home.

May you be blessed in your children, and have solace in your friends and enjoy true peace with everyone.

May you be witness in the world to God's charity so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God.

And May almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

**ALL: Amen**

### **Recessional Hymn**

#### **"Lord of the Dance"**

I danced in the morning  
When the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon  
And the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven  
And I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem  
I had my birth

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he

I danced for the scribe  
And the pharisee,  
But they would not dance  
And they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
For James and John  
They came with me  
And the Dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he  
They cut me down  
And I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
That'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
If you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord  
Of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he