

## **SECOND READING**

Corinthians 12:31-13:8 - Read By Paul Madden

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

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, 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 the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL**

John 15:12-16

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

**All:** Praise to you lord Jesus Christ

## **HOMILY**

Bishop John Sherrington

### **THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

**Bishop:** Sophia and Sebastian, have you come here to enter into marriage without coercion, freely and wholeheartedly?

Sophia & Sebastian: I have.

**Bishop:** Are you prepared, as you follow the path of marriage, to love and honor each other for as long as you both shall live?

Sophia & Sebastian: I am.

**Bishop:** Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

Sophia & Sebastian: I am

## **DECLARATION OF CONSENT**

Bishop: I invite you then to declare before god and his church your consent to become husband and wife.

I, Sebastian Xavier Francis Madden, take you, Sophia Bridget Battle, to be my lawful 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, until death do us part.

I, Sophia Bridget Battle, take you, Sebastian Xavier Francis Madden, to be my lawful 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, until death do us part

## **BLESSING OF THE RINGS**

Bishop: Bless and sanctify your servants in their love, O Lord, and let these rings, a sign of their faithfulness, remind them of their love for one another. Through Christ our Lord.

Sebastian: Sophia, 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.

Sophia: Sebastian 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**

## **BIDDING PRAYERS**

Xenia Thakrar : On this special day we ask that you bless Sophia and Sebastian on their journey through life. May they rejoice with one another in moments of strength and be compassionate towards each other in moments of weakness. May the love of Sophia and Sebastian be patient and gentle, ready to trust and endure whatever life brings. May their home be a gentle place of laughter, kindness and be blessed with children.

Lord hear us

**All:** Lord graciously hear us

Francesca Madden: By this marriage, two families have been united. We pray for both families that they may continue to be a source of love, support and guidance to Sophia and Sebastian as they build their life together. Lord hear us

**All:** Lord graciously hear us

George Hixon: Let us pray for our family and friends who have departed from this life, but who are with us today in spirit. As long as we live, they too will live in our hearts and we remember them with love. Lord hear us

**All:** Lord graciously hear us

Lizzy Kinch: We pray for an end to violence, and for lasting peace in our country and around the world. We pray for all those who are victims of injustice, and those suffering from illness, loneliness and poverty. We pray for our church that it be a place where the seeds of faith, hope and love be ever present. Lord hear us

**All:** Lord graciously hear us

Lucy Metcalfe: Let us pray for all family and friends here today that God may give you peace in your hearts today, hope in your hearts tomorrow and love in your hearts forever. We pray for the private intentions of those here present. Lord hear us

**All:** Lord graciously hear us