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The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, who called me here below  
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

## **OPENING PRAYER**

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12: 31-13:8, by Joanna Eade

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:12. 18.20-22. R v.5 by Heather Glasson

**Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love.**

They are happy, whose God is the Lord  
the people he has chosen as his own.  
The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love. **R**

2 Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
In him do our hearts find joy.  
We trust in his holy name. **R**

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R**

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Everyone who loves is begotten by God, and knows God.**

**Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:6-9

Jesus said, 'From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united. Man must not divide.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**HOMILY**

**HYMN: IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand  
In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## **THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

### **BIDDING PRAYERS- Solomon Bayes-knight**

After each prayer, the response is: **Hear our prayer**

For Christina and Joseph that their lives will be filled with joy and peace, that their love will go from strength to strength, and that their deepest hopes on this day will come to fulfilment. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

For their parents, that having given them life in the beginning, will now, with gratitude and joy in their hearts, see them build a new life together. Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for the friends and family of Christina and Joseph. We pray especially for those who have had a part in bringing them to this happy day. Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have died. We thank God for the happy memories they have bestowed upon us. As long as we live they too will live and we remember them with love. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

## HYMN: MY LIGHTHOUSE

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh)  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are my light

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
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Safe to shore

Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms  
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## **NUPTIAL BLESSING**

### **CONCLUSION OF THE CELEBRATION**

#### **SIGNING OF THE REGISTER**

#### **HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART**

Oh Lord, my God  
When I, in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
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