

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Instrumental - Aria String Quartet

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault,

through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

GLORIA

Priest: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray.
Father, you have made the bond of marriage a holy mystery, a symbol of Christ's love for his Church. Hear our prayers for Olivia and James. With faith in you and in each other they pledge their love today. May their lives always bear witness to the reality of that love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ruth (1: 16-17)

Ruth said: "Wherever you go I will go,

Where you live, I will live.

Your people will be my people,

And your God will be my God.

Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried.

We shall be together forever, and our love will be the gift of our life."

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Song of Ruth - Linda*

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (13:1-7)

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 whatsoever.

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 peoples' sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to ensure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - *Alleluia* - *Linda*

SHANNON: As long as we love one another
God will live in us,
And his love will be complete in us.

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, I love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you".

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Priest: Dear Olivia and James, you have come to this Church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the Priest and this community.

Christian marriage is a sacred union which enriches natural love. It binds those who enter it to be faithful to each other forever; it creates between them a bond that endures for life and cannot be broken; it demands that they love and honour each other, that they accept from God the children he may give them, and bring them up in his love.

To help them in their marriage the husband and wife receive the life-long grace of the sacrament.

Is this your understanding of marriage?

Olivia and James: It is.

Priest: Olivia and James, you are about to exchange your marriage vows. Have you come here of your own free will and choice and without compulsion to marry each other?

Olivia and James: We have.

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

Olivia and James: We will.

Priest: 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?

Olivia and James: We are.

DECLARATION OF CONSENT

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

Priest: James, do you take Olivia as your wife, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of your life?

James: I do.

Priest: Olivia, do you take James as your husband, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of your life?

Olivia: I do.

Priest: What God joins together no one must separate. May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given and enrich you with his blessings.

BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF THE RINGS

Priest: Almighty God, bless these rings, symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love. May Olivia and James always be true to each other, may they be one in heart and mind, may they be united in love forever, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

James: Olivia, 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.

Olivia: James, 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

Olivia and James together light the single centre candle, symbolising their unity in marriage.

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Let us pray, now, for the newly married couple, for married people everywhere, for the Church and for the world.

Megan: We pray for Olivia and James as they begin their married life together. May their home be full of joy and laughter, may God give them good health and may they always find happiness in each other. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us

Kerry: By this marriage, two families have been united. May both families continue to be a source of love, support and guidance throughout Olivia and James' life. Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord graciously hear us

Katie: Let us pray for all who have come here today. Grant them peace, love, health and happiness in their lives. Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord graciously hear us

Martina: We remember the smiles and laughter of those who have gone before us, who would have loved to share in the joy and happiness of this day. We especially want to remember Olivia's Grandparents and James' Papa and uncle Brian. We thank God for the happy memories they have left with us. May God one day unite us again. Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord graciously hear us

Priest: God our Father, you are the creator of all that is good. Listen to these prayers, which we make with trust in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

ALL: Amen

OFFERTORY PROCESSION - *How Beautiful* - Linda

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever

Priest: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Priest: Lord, accept our offering for this newly married couple, Olivia and James. By your love and providence, you have brought them together, now bless them all the days of their married life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right and just

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God for you forged the covenant of Marriage as a sweet yoke of harmony and an unbreakable bond of peace, so that the chaste and fruitful love of holy Matrimony may serve you to increase the children you adopt as your own. By your providence and grace, O Lord, you accomplish the wonder of this twofold design: that, while the birth of children brings beauty to the world, their rebirth in Baptism gives increase to your Church, through Christ our Lord. Through him, the choirs of angels and all the saints praise and worship your glory. May our voices blend with theirs as we join in their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Priest: The mystery of faith

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your
Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

COMMUNION RITE

Priest: Let us pray with confidence to the father in the words our Saviour
gave us.

**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

Priest: Let us ask God to bless Olivia and James, now married in Christ, and unite them in his love through the sacrament of his body and blood. God our Father, creator of the universe, You made man and woman in your own likeness, and blessed their union. We humbly pray to you for Olivia and James, 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 witnesses 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

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles; Peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

**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.**

Priest: 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.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Let us pray
Lord, in your love you have given us this Eucharist
to unite us with one another and with you.
As you have made Olivia and James
one in this sacrament of marriage
so now make them one in love for each other.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in his mercy help you in good times and in bad

All: Amen