

~ ENTRANCE PROCESSION ~

~ ENTRANCE HYMN ~

"Be Our Chief Guest" (To the tune of Morning Has Broken)

*Be our chief guest Lord,
Lord of all living,
Lord of all loving,
This wedding day;
Bind us together,
In your sure keeping,
So we may never,
Wander away.*

*Bless all who have brought us,
Up from our childhood,
Caring forgiving,
Through the long day;
May the same spirit,
Shine in our home, Lord,
Lighting our pathway,
We humbly pray.*

*Bless all our friends, Lord,
Happy and true friends,
Laughing or crying,
Always the same;
Bright with this friendship,
May our own home be,
Ready to welcome,
All in your name.*

*Be our chief guest Lord,
Lord of all living,
Warm with compassion,
Showing the way;
Keep us together,
In loving service,
Families and friends, Lord,
This wedding day.*

~GREETING ~

~LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST READING - A reading from a letter of St Paul to the Romans
(Reading by Damien Thomson)

Response: The word of the Lord

ALL.: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Reading by Rachael Quinn)

Response: Praise the name of the Lord.

ALL.: Praise the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights;
Praise him, all you his angels,
praise him, all you his hosts. **Response**

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.
Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens. **Response**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
beasts, both wild and tame,
creeping things and birds on the wing. **Response**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all judges of the earth,
young men and maidens as well,
the old and the young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted. **Response**

His splendor above earth and heaven.
He exalts the strength of his people. **Response**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAIM

R.: Alleluia, alleluia!

Anyone who loves, is begotten by God, and knows God.

ALL.: Alleluia, alleluia!

C.: The Lord be with you

ALL: And with your spirit

C.: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

ALL: Glory to you O Lord!

C.: Jesus said to his disciples:

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love 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 no longer call you slaves,

because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,

because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you

and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,

so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.”

C.: The Gospel of the Lord

ALL.: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

~HOMILY~

~LITURGY OF MARRIAGE ~

C.: Dearly beloved, you have come together here before the minister of the Church and in the presence of the community so that your intention to enter into Marriage may be strengthened by the Lord with sacred seal, and your love be enriched with his blessing, so that you may have strength to be faithful to each other for ever and to assume all the responsibilities of married life. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

C.: Christina and Colin, have you come here to enter into Marriage without coercion, freely and wholeheartedly?

Groom: I have.

Bride: I have.

C.: Are you prepared, as you follow the path of Marriage, to love and honour each other for as long as you both shall live?

Groom: I am.

Bride: I am.

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

Groom: I am.

Bride: I am

THE CONSENT

C.: Since it is your intention to enter the covenant of Holy Matrimony, declare your consent before God and his Church.

C.: Colin , do you freely and willingly take Christina, here present, for your lawful wife according to the laws of God and of holy mother Church?

Groom: I do.

C.: Christina, do you freely and willingly take Colin , here present, for your lawful husband according to the laws of God and of holy mother Church?

Bride: I do.

C.: Colin and Christina, join your right hands

Groom: I COLIN MCDUGALL, TAKE YOU, CHRISTINA MACDONALD, FOR 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, TILL DEATH DO US PART.

Bride: I CHRISTINA MACDONALD, TAKE YOU, COLIN MCDUGALL, FOR 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, TILL DEATH DO US PART.

C.: May the Lord in his kindness strengthen the consent you have declared before the Church, and graciously bring to fulfilment his blessing within you. What God has joined together, Let no man put asunder.

Let us bless the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE BLESSING & EXCHANGE OF THE RINGS

C.: May the Lord bless + these rings, which you will give to each other as a sign of love and fidelity.

ALL: Amen

Groom: Christina, receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.

Bride: Colin, 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.

THE INTERCESSIONS

C.: My dear friends, let us ask God for his continued blessings upon this bridegroom Colin and his bride Christina.

R.: For Bride and Groom, that their lives together will be filled with joy and love. That they may always be loyal and true friends to each other. That together they will be able to cope with the challenges of life. May their home be one of happiness and love.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

R.: For the parents, families and friends of Bride and Groom, and all who have helped them to become husband and wife. May they continue to help, support, and love them in the years that lie ahead.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

R.: For our friends and relatives who have departed this life, we remember especially Linda, who passed recently. May God grant them eternal life in his kingdom.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

R.: For friends and family, who could not be here with us today. May we always know that while our loved ones are not always by our side, they are always in our hearts and minds, and us in theirs.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

R.: We pray for the private intentions of all who are gathered here this afternoon. May the Lord in His patience and understanding bring joy and comfort.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

C.: God the Father wills that his children be of one heart in charity; let those who are Christian call upon him in the prayer of God's family, which our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us.

THE NUPTIAL BLESSING

C.: Now let us humbly invoke God's blessing upon this bride and groom, that in his kindness he may favour with his help those on whom he has bestowed the bond of Marriage.

C.: Holy Father, maker of the whole world, who created man and women 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 Marriage covenant.

C.: May your abundant blessing, Lord, come down upon this bride Christina, and upon Colin, 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 be known for the integrity of their conduct.

C.: 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; 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

C.: 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.

C.: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

C.: 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.

C.: The Body of Christ.

While receiving Communion: **Amen.**

C.: Let us pray. 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

~SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENTS ~

~BLESSING ~

C.: May almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here: the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen