

## **PENITENTIAL RITE**

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;  
and 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

**Fr Arkinson:** May Almighty God have mercy on us,  
Forgive us our sins,  
And bring us to ever lasting life

**All:** Amen.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Fr Arkinson:** 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 prayer for Karen and Christopher.

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, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

**Read by Olivia Donaghey**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-11).

Everything that happens in the world happens at a time God  
chooses

He sets a time for birth and a time for death,  
a time for planting,  
a time for uprooting what has been planted,  
a time for tears,  
a time for laughter,  
a time for mourning,  
a time for dancing.

God has set the right time for everything. When things are going well for you, be glad and remember when trouble comes that God sends both happiness and trouble. All we can do is to be happy and do the best we can while we are still alive, and if you have references for God you will be successful anyway

This is the word of the Lord.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**'Here I am, Lord'**

## **SECOND READING**

**Read by Karen Gallen**

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

Wherever you go, I shall go. Wherever you live, I shall live. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God too. Wherever you die, I shall die, and there shall I be buried beside you. We shall be together forever, and our love will be the gift of life.  
The Word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

## **GOSPEL**

**Fr Arkinson:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved 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 own joy may be in you  
And your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment:  
Love one another,  
As I have loved you'  
This is the Gospel of the Lord:  
**All:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

## **RITE OF MARRIAGE**

**Fr Arkinson:**

Karen and Christopher, 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 for ever; it creates between them a bond that endures for life and cannot be broken; it demands that they love and honour each other. To help them in their marriage the husband and wife receive the life - long grace of the sacrament.

Is this your understanding of marriage?

**Karen & Christopher:** It is.

## **DECLARATION OF CONSENT**

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

**Christopher:** I, Christopher, take you Karen, as my wife,  
for better, for worse,  
for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health,  
all the days of our life.

**Karen:** I, Karen, take you, Christopher, as my husband,  
for better, for worse,  
for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health,  
all the days of our life.

**Fr Arkinson:** What God joins together man must not separate. May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given and enrich you with his blessings.

## **BLESSING OF THE RINGS**

**Fr Arkinson:** Lord, bless Karen and Christopher, and consecrate their married life.

May these rings be a symbol of their faith in each other, and a reminder of their love.

Through Christ, Our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## **EXCHANGING OF THE RINGS**

**Christopher:** Karen, 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.

**Karen:** Christopher, 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**

**Fr Arkinson:** Karen and Christopher together light the Marriage Candle as a symbol of their love, which has united them in the sacrament of marriage.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Read by: Bari Duncan & Denise Nic Ruairi**

**1.** We pray for Karen and Christopher, that the lord who has brought them to this happy day will keep them together in fidelity and love.

Lord, hear us

**All:** Lord Graciously hear us

**2.** We pray for the families and friends of Karen and Christopher, that the Lord will reward them for all their kindness and loyalty over the years.

Lord, hear us

**All:** Lord Graciously hear us

**3.** We pray for all gathered here, that today's ceremony and celebrations will be a happy and memorable occasion for one and all.

Lord, hear us

**All:** Lord Graciously hear us

**4.** We pray for our family members who have passed, and more especially Karen's Dad, Sam, that the Lord will grant to them eternal rest and that one day we will be together again.

Lord, hear us

**All:** Lord Graciously hear us

## **OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**'Bread of Life'**

**Mary Long & Josephine Deeney**

**Fr Arkinson:** Lord, hear our prayers and accept the gifts we offer for Karen and Christopher. Today you have made them one on the sacrament of marriage. May the mystery of Christ's unselfish love, which we celebrate in this Eucharist, increase their love for you and for each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## **COMMUNION RITE**

**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. Amen.

## **RITE OF PEACE**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles;  
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
And grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom  
Where you live for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

**Fr Arkinson:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Fr Arkinson:** May we offer each other the sign of peace.

**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.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**'Lady of Knock'**

## **REFLECTION**

**'I watch the Sunrise'**