

## THE ENTRANCE PROCESSION

*Canon in D, Pachelbel*

### Lighting of the Candles

#### THE INTRODUCTORY RITE

Fr Pat: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Fr Pat: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

#### THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Fr Pat: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Fr Pat: You were sent to heal the contrite, Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Fr Pat: You came to call sinners, Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Fr Pat: You plead for us at the right hand of the Father, Lord have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All: Amen**

#### THE GLORIA

## **THE OPENING PRAYER**

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

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING: *Catherine Selhim***

#### ***A reading from the book of Tobit***

Now you will feel no rain, for each of you will be shelter to the other. Now you will feel no cold, for each of you will be warmth to the other. Now there is no loneliness, for each of you will be a companion to the other. Now you are two bodies but there is only one life before you. Go now to your dwelling place to enter into the days of your togetherness and may your days be good and long upon the earth.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#### ***Ag Croist an Siol***

### **SECOND READING: *Ann-Marie Stomeo***

#### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Let your love be genuine and sincerely prefer good to evil. Love one another with great affection and have a profound respect for each other. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if difficulties come and keep on praying. Think of the needs of others. Seek to be compassionate and kind, humble and patient.

Be tolerant with one another and be ready to forgive when one of you has a complaint about the other. The Lord forgives you so you must do the same. On top of all these, love, because love binds everything in your hearts and be thankful. Whatever you do, or say, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- *Alleluia Sung***

### **GOSPEL**

Fr Pat: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Fr Pat: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Fr Pat: Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of people, so that, seeing you good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **HOMILY**

### **RITE OF MARRIAGE**

Fr Pat: Dear children of God, you have come to this church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest and this community. Christ blesses this love.

He has already consecrated you in baptism; now, by special sacrament, he strengthens you to fulfil the duties of your married life.

Cathy and Phil you are about to celebrate this sacrament, Have you come here of your own free will and choice and without compulsion to marry each other?

**C & P: We have.**

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

**C & P: We will.**

Fr Pat: 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?

**C & P: We are.**

#### **DECLARATION OF CONSENT**

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

Phil, do you take Cathy, as your wife, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do you part.

**Phil: I do.**

Fr Pat: Cathy, do you take Phil, as your husband, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do you part.

**Cathy: I do.**

Fr Pat: 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 & EXCHANGE OF THE RINGS**

Fr Pat: May the Lord bless these rings which will be the sign of your love and fidelity. Through Christ, our Lord.

**C & P: Amen**

Phil: Cathy, 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.

Cathy: Phil, 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.

## **PRAYER OF THE NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE**

C & P: We thank you, Lord, and we praise you for bringing us to this happy day. You have given us to each other. Now, together, we give ourselves to you. We ask you, Lord: make us one in our love; keep us one in your peace. Protect our marriage. Bless our home. Make us gentle. Keep us faithful. And when life is over unite us again where parting is no more in the kingdom of your love. There we will praise you, in the happiness and peace of our eternal home.

**All: Amen**

## **Lighting of the Marriage Candle- *Air on a G string***

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Fr Pat: Now that Cathy and Phil have given themselves to each other in Christian marriage let us ask God our Father to keep them faithful to him and united in themselves

**Helen:** We pray for Cathy and Phil 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**

**Francesco:** We pray for all here present that God may give you peace in your hearts for today, hope in your hearts for tomorrow and love in your hearts forever.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

**Odhran:** Let us praise those men who have fathered us in their role as mentors and guides. Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children. And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

**Aodhan:** For friends and family who could not be here today especially Granny Tully, may we always know that while our loved ones are not always by our side, they are always in our hearts and minds.

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

**Fr Pat:** God our Father, you have taught us that love is fulfilling of the law, may Cathy and Phil grow in love for each other and always remain in your love.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Offertory Procession- *A mhuire Mathair***

#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Fr Pat: Lord accept our offering for Cathy and Phil. 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**

### **COMMUNION RITE**

Fr Pat: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we pray:

**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**

### **NUPTIAL BLESSING**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*My the Road Rise (Sung)*

*As the Deer (Sung)*

*Panis Angelicus (Instrumental)*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Fr Pat: 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 Phil and Cathy one in this sacrament of marriage and in the sharing of the one bread and the one cup, so now make them one in love for each other.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

#### **CONCLUDING RITE**

Fr Pat: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Fr Pat: God of love and life, out of this world two souls have found each other. Their destinies shall now be woven into one design and their joys shall not be known apart.

Cathy and Phil, may your home be a place of happiness for all who enter it, a place where the old and the young are renewed in each other's company, a place for growing and a place for sharing, a place for music and a place for laughter, a place for prayer and a place for love.

May those who are nearest to you be constantly enriched by the beauty and the bounty of your love for one another.

May your work be a joy of your life that serves the world and may your days be good and long upon the earth.

Fr Pat: May almighty God bless you all, who are gathered here, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Fr Pat: The mass is ended, go in peace.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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

*Gabriels Obo (Instrumental)*

*Celtic Harp Music*

### **RECESSIONAL**

*The Lord of the Dance (Instrumental)*