

*Opening Prayer*

*First Reading from William Shakespeare's Sonnet 116. Read by our wonderful sister in law Lucy Lynch*

Let me not to the marriage of true minds admit impediments.

Love is not love which alters when it alteration finds,  
or bends with the remover to remove:  
Oh, no! It is an ever-fixed mark.

That looks on tempests and is never shaken;  
it is the star to every wandering bark,  
whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.

Love's not Time's fool,  
though rosy lips and cheeks within his bending sickle's compass  
come;  
love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,  
but bears it out even to the edge of doom.

If this be error and upon me proved,  
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.



*PSALM 127*

Response after each verse: *Blessed are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blessed are those who seek you, O God.*

Happy all those who fear the lord  
and walk in God's pathway.  
You will find what you long for,  
The riches of our god.

*Blessed are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blessed are those who seek you, O God.*

Your spouse shall be like the fruitful vine,  
in the midst of your home.  
Your children flourish like the olive plants,  
rejoicing at your table.

*Blessed are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blessed are those who seek you, O God.*

May the blessings of God be yours,  
all the days of your life.  
May the peace and the love of God,  
live always in your heart

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*Second Reading from 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13 Read by our good friend  
Robbe*

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is  
love

Alleluia! Alleluia! “A new commandment I give you.” says the Lord, “that  
you love one another as I have loved you.”

Alleluia!

*The Holy Gospel Reading from Matthew 5.1-12 read by our good friend  
Guillaume.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,  
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## *The Declaration of Consent*

The priest addresses the bridegroom and bride

The priest then addresses the families:

Will you, the families of Emma and Dan,  
uphold and care for them in their life together?

*We Will.*

The president addresses the congregation:

Will all of you support and encourage Dan and Emma in their marriage?

*We Will.*

Turning back to the couple, the priest speaks this blessing upon them as  
they prepare to exchange their vows:

May God, who has given you the will to declare these intentions, give  
you also the grace to fulfil them. *Amen.*

*Vows exchanged written by the happy couple.*

## *The Marriage*

*Facing each other, the bride and bridegroom join hands and repeat their  
Vows after the priest*

## *The Blessing and Exchanging of Rings*

## *The Binding of Hands and Declaration*

Dan and Emma.....Those whom God has joined together let no one  
put asunder.

The peace of the Lord be with you

*And also with you*

*The newlyweds exchange a sign of peace*

## The prayers

...Lord, in your mercy...*Hear our Prayer!*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

*It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

God, holy and constant,  
the First, the Last, the Living One  
to you we give worship and praise....  
...with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven,  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,*

*God power and might.*

*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.*



Receive our praise and thanksgiving  
for Jesus Christ, your son....  
.....At supper with his disciples he took bread  
and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying;  
'Take, eat. This is my Body:  
it is broken for you.'  
After supper, he took his cup,  
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them, saying:  
'Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out of you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me'....  
...Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
By whom, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages, world without end. *Amen.*



## The Nuptial Blessing

Most gracious God,  
we give you thanks for your tender love  
in sending Jesus Christ to come among us,  
to be born of a human Mother,  
and to make the way of the Cross to be the way of life.

We thank you also, for consecrating  
the union of your children in his name.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
pour out the abundance of your blessing  
upon Emma and Daniel.

Defend them from every enemy.

Lead them into all peace.

Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts,  
a mantle about their shoulders,  
and a crown upon their foreheads.

Bless them in their work and in their companionship;  
in their sleeping and in their waking;  
in their joys and in their sorrows;  
in their life and in their death.

Finally, in your mercy,  
bring them to that table where  
your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve, and keep you;  
the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you,  
and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace;  
that you may faithfully live together in this life,  
and in the age to come have life everlasting. *Amen*