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**FIRST READING**

*A Reading from the Song of Songs 2: 8-10. 14. 15; 8: 6-7I*

I hear my Beloved.  
See how he comes  
leaping on the mountains,  
bounding over the hills'  
My Beloved is like a gazelle,  
like a young stag.  
See where he stands  
behind our wall.  
He looks in at the window  
He peers through the lattice  
Beloved lifts up his voice,  
says to me,  
'Come then, my love,  
lovely one, come.  
My dove, hiding in the clefts of the rock.  
In the coverts of the cliff,  
show me your face,  
let me hear your voice;  
for your voice is sweet  
and your face is beautiful.

My beloved is mine and I am his.

Set me like a seal on your heart,  
like a seal on your arm.  
For love is as strong as Death,  
jealousy relentless as Sheol.

The flash of it is a flash of fire,  
a flame of the Lord himself.  
Love no flood can quench,  
no torrents drown.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 32:12. 18. 20-22. R v.5*

**R: The Lord fills the earth with his love.**

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own.  
The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
In him do our hearts find joy.  
We trust in his holy name. **R**

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R**

## SECOND READING

*A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12: 31- 13:8*

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 whatever.

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 people's sins but delights in the truth: it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*1 Jn 4: 8. 11*

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia!

God is love; let us love one another  
as God has loved us.  
Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL**

*A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15: 12-16*

Jesus said to his disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have on greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **HOMILY**

## **MARRIAGE RITE**

## HYMN

*Kendrick*

Lord the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord  
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

## BIDDING PRAYERS

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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.

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**All:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Ave Verum Coprus - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

## HYMN

*Evans*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before him now,  
with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
Our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place,  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

## NUPTIAL BLESSING

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

## HYMN

*Williams/Hughes*

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong Deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside,  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.

## SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

*A Clare Benediction - John Rutter*

*I'll walk beside you - Alan Murray/Edward Lockton*

## THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

*A Midsummer Night's Dream, Op 61: Wedding March - Felix Mendelssohn*