

## THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

Canon in D, Pachelbel

### HYMN

#### Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Chorus:*

*“ Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he ”*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
But they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John  
They came with me and the Dance went on.

*Chorus*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
And they left me there on a Cross to die.

*Chorus*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance, and I still go on.

*Chorus*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life That'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you If you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

## **THE WELCOME**

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**All: Amen**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

*Fr. John*

## **FIRST READING**

**Matteo Scordo**

*A reading from the book of Tobit: 8:4-8*

Bring us to old age together

On the evening of their marriage, Tobias said to Sarah, ‘You and I must pray and petition our Lord to win his grace and protection.’ They began praying for protection, and this was how he began:

‘You are blessed, O God of our fathers;  
blessed, too, is your name for ever and ever.  
Let the heavens bless you  
and all things you have made for evermore.  
It was you who created Adam,  
you who created Eve his wife to be his help and support;  
and from these two the human race was born.  
It was you who said,  
“It is not good that the man should be alone;  
let us make him a helpmate like himself  
And so I do not take my sister  
for any lustful motive;  
I do it in singleness of heart.  
Be kind enough to have pity on her and on me  
and bring us to old age together.’

And together they said, ‘Amen, Amen’.

This is the word of the Lord

**Response: Thanks be to God**

## HYMN

### Give Me Joy in My Heart (Sing Hosanna)

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
Keep me praising 'til the end of day

#### *Chorus:*

*“ Sing hosanna, sing hosanna  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna  
Sing hosanna to the King “*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting  
Keep me resting 'til the end of day

#### *Chorus*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
Give me love in my heart, I pray  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
Keep me serving 'til the end of day

#### *Chorus*

Give me light in my heart, keep me shining  
Give me light in my heart, I pray  
Give me light in my heart, keep me shining  
Keep me shining 'til the end of day

#### *Chorus*

## SECOND READING

Victoria Giglio

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 31–13: 8*

If I am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

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.

**Response: Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*1 Jn 4:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Anyone who lives in love, lives in God,  
and God lives in him.

Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL READING**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:9-12*

Remain in my love

Jesus said to his disciples:

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **HOMILY**

*Fr. John*

## THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

Priest: Erminia and Carl, you have come together in this church so that the Lord may seal and strengthens your love in the presence of the priest, your families, and friends. Christ blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism and now by a special sacrament, he strengthen you to fulfil the duties of your married life.

Erminia and Carl, you are about to celebrate this sacrament.

**Have you come here on your own free will and choice without compulsion to marry each other?**

**Both: We have**

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

**Both: We will**

Priest: 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?

**Both: We are**

## DECLARATION OF CONSENT

Priest: I invite you then to declare before God and his church you consent to become husband and wife.

**Carl: I, Carl, take you, Erminia, as my 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, all the days of your life.**

**Erminia: I, Erminia, take you, Carl, as my 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, all the days of your life.**

Priest: 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**

Priest: Almighty God bless these rings, symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love. May Carl and Erminia always be true to each other. May they be one in heart and mind. May they be united in love forever. Through Christ our Lord.

**Both: Amen**

**Carl: Erminia, 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, Amen.**

**Erminia: Carl, 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, Amen.**

## **SIGNING OF THE CIVIL REGISTER**

**Ave Maria**

*(Franz Schubert - Luciano Pavarotti)*

**Pie Jesu**

*(Requiem - Andrew Lloyd Webber)*



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### *For the Couple's Future*

"Almighty God, we ask for Your blessings on the future of Erminia and Carl. Guide them with Your wisdom as they make decisions and face challenges together. Grant them the courage to grow and adapt, the patience to understand and forgive, and the joy to celebrate life's blessings. May their home be a place of love, faith, and hospitality, shining Your light to all who enter. Amen."

### *For Those Unable to Attend or Passed Away*

"Heavenly Father, we remember those who are not able to be with us today, whether due to distance, illness, or other circumstances. We also honour the memory of loved ones who have passed away. Although they are not physically present, their spirit and love are with us. Comfort those who feel their absence and surround them with Your peace. Amen."

### *For Friends and Family*

"Dear Lord, we come before You with hearts filled with gratitude for the precious gift of our friends and family. Thank You for the love, support, and joy they bring into our lives. Today, we lift them up in prayer, asking for Your abundant blessings on each one of them. Especially that of our parents.

For our family members, we pray for Your protection and guidance. Keep them safe from harm and grant them good health. For our friends, we thank You for their companionship and the joy they bring. We ask that You bless their lives with happiness, fulfilment, and love. Amen"

### *For Peace in the World*

"Eternal God, we pray for peace in our world. As we celebrate the love and unity of Erminia and Carl, we are reminded of the importance of harmony and understanding among all people. Heal the divisions that separate us, bring an end to conflict and violence, and inspire leaders to seek justice and peace. May the love we witness today be a beacon of hope for a more loving and peaceful world. Amen."

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**HYMN**

*Do Not Be Afraid*

Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You.  
I Have Called You By Your Name; You Are Mine.

When You Walk Through The Waters I'll Be With You,  
You Will Never Sink Beneath The Waves.

Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You.  
I Have Called You By Your Name; You Are Mine.

When The Fire Is Burning All Around You,  
You Will Never Be Consumed By The Flames.

Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You.  
I Have Called You By Your Name; You Are Mine.

When The Fear Of Loneliness Is Looming,  
Then Remember I Am At Your Side.

Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You.  
I Have Called You By Your Name; You Are Mine.

When You Dwell In The Exile Of A Stranger,  
Remember You Are Precious In My Eyes.

Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You.  
I Have Called You By Your Name; You Are Mine.

You Are Mine, O My Child; I Am Your Father,  
And I Love You With A Perfect Love.

Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You.  
I Have Called You By Your Name; You Are Mine.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen

### **SIGN OF PEACE**

### **NUPTIAL BLESSING**

Priest: Let us ask God to bless Carl and Erminia, now married in Christ, and unite them in his love through sacrament of his body and blood.

God our Father, creator of the universe, you made man and women in your own likeness and bless their union. We humbly pray to you for **Carl and Erminia** today united in the sacrament of marriage.

May your blessing come upon them.

May they find happiness in their love for each other, be blessed in their children, and enrich the life of the church.

May they praise you in their days of happiness and turn to you in times of sorrow.

May they know the joy of your help in their work and the strength of your presence in their need.

May they worship you with the Church and be your witnesses in the world.

May old age come to them in the company of their friends, and may they reach at last the Kingdom of Heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **HYMN**

*This is my Body*

This is my body, broken for you  
Bringing you wholeless, making you free  
Take it and eat it, and when you do...  
Do it in love for me

This is my Blood, poured out for you  
Bringing forgiveness, making you free  
Take it and drink it, and when you do...  
Do it in love for me

Filled with my spirit, how you will grow!  
You are my branches, I am the tree  
If you are faithful, others will know...  
You are alive in me

Love one another, I have loved you  
And I have shown you how to be free  
Serve one another, and when you do...  
Do it in love for me

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

*Fr. John*

### **FINAL BLESSING**

*Fr. John*