

The Liturgy of the Word

By hearing the word proclaimed in worship, the faithful again enter into the unending dialogue between God and the covenant people.

First Reading *All sit.*

Genesis 2: 18–24 read by Margaret Myerscough.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 148: 1–2. 3–4. 9–10. 11–13. 13c–14a. Read by Margaret Myerscough.

After the First Reading the reader says the Psalm, with the people making the response.

Praise the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation *All stand.*

The assembly stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation to welcome the Gospel. They remain standing in honour of the Gospel reading, the high point of the Liturgy of the Word.

Alleluia, alleluia! Everyone who loves is begotten by God, and knows God. Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 10: 6–9*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel the Priest, acclaims:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily *all sit.*

At the end of the Homily it is appropriate for there to be a brief silence for recollection.

The Celebration of Marriage

God disposed man and woman for each other so that they might be 'no longer two but one'. In this way they are to live in love, be fruitful, and this way become a sign of God himself, who is nothing but overflowing love.

Introduction *All stand.*

The Questions before the Consent

The Priest asks the couple about their freedom of choice, fidelity to each other, and the acceptance and upbringing of children.

The Civil Declaration of Freedom

The couple declare their freedom to marry.

The Consent

The couple give their consent to one another, pledging to love and cherish their spouse forever.

The Reception of the Consent

The Priest prays for the couple. He then invites those present to praise God.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Blessing and Giving of Rings

The couple exchange rings as a sign of their marriage.



Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

The Prayer of the Faithful

Read by Emily Thumbadoo

After each intention there is a pause while the faithful pray.

The reader says:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

The Nuptial Blessing

The Priest prays for and blesses the couple so that they may grow in love and fidelity. At the end of the long prayer the people acclaim:

Amen.

The Concluding Rites

The Concluding Rites send the people forth to put into effect in their lives what they have received.

Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dismissal

Then the Priest says:

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God.