

## **GLORIA**

**Priest:** Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

**All:** Amen.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Priest:** Let us pray.

Father, you have made the bond of marriage a holy mystery,  
a symbol of Christ's love for his Church.

Hear our prayers for Mark and Maria  
with faith in you and in each other they pledge their love today.  
May their lives always bear witness to the reality of that love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis (1:26 – 28:31)

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 148

**All:** Praise the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his host.

**All:** Praise the name of the Lord.

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, shining stars.  
Praise him, highest heavens, and the waters above the heavens.

**All:** Praise the name of the Lord.

All mountains and hills, all fruit trees and cedars,  
beasts, wild and tame, reptiles and birds on the wing.

**All:** Praise the name of the Lord.

All earth's kings and peoples, earth's princes and rulers:  
young men and maidens, old men together with children.

**All:** Praise the name of the Lord.

Let them praise the name of the Lord for he alone is exalted.  
The splendour of his name reaches beyond heaven and earth.

**All:** Praise the name of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the First letter  
of St Paul to the Corinthians (12:31 - 13:8)

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Priest:** God is love.

Let us love one another,  
as he has loved us.

Alleluia!

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

## **GOSPEL**

**Priest:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**All:** Glory to you God

## **HOMILY**

### **THE MARRIAGE**

Rite of Marriage

Declaration of Consent

Blessing of the Rings

Exchange of Rings

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest:** My dear friends, let us pray to our Father in heaven  
that he will keep Mark and Maria united in undivided love,  
and that he will bless their daily work  
and perfect through them his work of creation.

Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, Graciously Hear us.

We pray for Mark and Maria  
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.

Lord we thank you for the gift of friendship.  
We pray for the parents, families and friends  
of Mark and Maria who have come from near and far,  
and for all the help,  
support and encouragement they have given.  
May the Lord reward them for their  
goodness and kindness.

Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord Graciously Hear us.

We remember the smiles and laughter  
of those who have gone before us,  
who would have loved to share in  
the joy and happiness of this day.  
We thank God for the happy memories  
they have left with us.

May God one day unite us again.

Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord Graciously Hear us

For the gifts of life and good health which we so often take for  
granted. May we always appreciate these gifts and may they  
bring us closer to God.

Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord Graciously Hear us.