

The First Reading. Read by Marian Raleigh

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

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.'

God created man in the image of himself,
in the image of God he created him,
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:12. 18.20-22

All: **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.

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

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.

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

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

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

The Second Reading. Read by Anne Clarke

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 4: 9 - 12

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!

Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

The Gospel

The Wedding at Cana

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Rite of Marriage & Blessing of the Rings

Priest: Those whom God has joined together let no man put asunder.

All: **Amen**

'Be Thou My Vision'

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Be Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower,
O raise Thou me heavenward, great power of my power.

The Bidding Prayers. Read by Marian Burnham

Priest: In the love of man and wife God shows us a wonderful reflection of his own eternal love. Let us ask him to bless Thomas and Ruth as they begin married life.

We pray that Thomas and Ruth will always feel the presence of Christ in their marriage.

Lord, hear us

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray that the grace given to them today may sustain them in times of difficulty and challenge.

Lord, hear us

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray that the love of Thomas and Ruth may embrace the children God may send them.

Lord, hear us

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all our families and friends and those in particular need.

Lord, hear us

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for our loved ones who have died and ask that God will grant them eternal rest.

Lord, hear us

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us ask Mary, Queen of the family and Mother of the church to pray for us:

All: **Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.**

Blessed art thou among women

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Priest: Lord of love and life, listen to our prayers and strengthen our understanding of your will for us all. Keep us faithful as you are always faithful and live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

All: **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.

Amen.