

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Sirach (26: 1-4)

Read by Dianne Musker

A loving partner is a safe shelter, whoever finds one has found a rare
treasure.

A loving partner is something beyond price, there is no measuring their
worth.

A loving partner is a life-saving remedy, and those who respect their
Lord find true love.

For as a person is, so is their loved one.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Verses read by Esther Neophytou

Response: 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. **(Response)**

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. **(Response)**

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

Second Reading

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

Read by Veronica Maxwell

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 I 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.

Gospel Acclamation

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (15:9-12)

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Rite of Marriage

Bidding Prayers

Read by Grace Grimshaw, Rose Grimshaw, Sophia Neophytou, Millie McCaughley, Leah Grace and Anna Grace

We pray for Charlotte and Jordan 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.

By this marriage two families have been united. We pray for both families that they may continue to be a source of love, support and guidance to Charlotte and Jordan, as they build a new life together.

Lord hear us.

We pray for the faithful departed who are very much in our thoughts today. As long as we live, we will remember them with love. **Lord hear us.**

For all those that are gathered here today to celebrate with Charlotte and Jordan, may God bless them and watch over them.

Lord hear us.

We pray that the Lord may bless the world with his peace and the protection of his love. **Lord hear us.**

We turn to Mary, the Mother of God, and ask for her prayers as we say:

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

**Blessed art thou amongst 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.

Offertory Hymn
Ave Verum Corpus, Mozart

Acclamation

Sign of Peace

Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love in our eyes.
May now your love sweep this nation;
cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding,
brotherly love that is real.
Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

Let there be peace shared among us,
let there be peace in our eyes.
May now your peace sweep this nation;
cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding,
sisterly love that is real.
Let there be peace shared among us,
Let there be peace.

Dave Bilbrough