

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

First Reading

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

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.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

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. **R**

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. **R**

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

Second Reading

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

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.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Father Godlove Amungwa

(Please be seated)

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Lauren and David will now exchange marriage vows and wedding rings.

Second Hymn - Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Bidding Prayers

Father Godlove Amungwa

Nuptial Blessing

Lauren and David now receive the Nuptial Blessing

Final Hymn - Give Me Joy in My Heart

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 break of day

*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

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

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning 'til the end of day

Signing of the Register

Lauren and David, together with their witnesses, now sign the civil
register
Schubert's Ave Maria

PROCESSION OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Wedding March - Mendelssohn