

## **SECOND READING BY MEGAN MCBRIDE**

### **A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians:**

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 I 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 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 & HOMILY**

## **RITE OF MARRIAGE WITH EXCHANGE OF VOWS**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

## **HYMN**

Fill my house unto the fullest,  
eat my bread and drink my wine.  
The love I bear is held from no one.

*All I own and all I do I give to you.*

Take my time unto the fullest,  
find in me the trust you seek,  
and take my hands to you outreaching.

Christ our Lord, with love enormous  
from the cross his lesson taught:  
'Show love to all, as I have loved you.'

Join in with me as one in Christ-love,  
may our hearts all beat as one,  
and may we give ourselves completely.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

## HYMN

*A new commandment  
I give unto you,  
That you love one another  
As I have loved you,  
That you love one another  
As I have loved you.*

By this shall all know  
That you are My disciples,  
If you have love one for another.

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You Are my friends if  
You do what I command you.  
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## **HYMN**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;  
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:  
In him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground.  
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Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight – our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace –  
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

## **SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE REGISTER**

Ave Maria sung by Marie Claire

## **CONCLUDING RITES**