

The fig tree is forming its first figs  
and the blossoming vines give out their fragrance.

Come then, my love,  
my lovely one, come.

My dove, hiding in the clefts of the rock.

In the covert of the cliff,

Show me your face,  
let me hear your voice;  
for your voice is sweet,  
and your face is beautiful.'

My beloved is mine and I am his.

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Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal on your arm.

For love is strong as Death,

Jealousy relentless as Sheol.

The flash of it is a flash of fire,  
a flame of the Lord himself.

Love no flood can quench, no torrents drown.

The Word of the Lord

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

*RESPONSORIAL PSALM*

Psalm 144, by Kathleen Prosser

The Lord is kind and full of compassion.

slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

**RESPONSE: HOW GOOD IS THE LORD TO ALL.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.

**RESPONSE: HOW GOOD IS THE LORD TO ALL.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

**RESPONSE: HOW GOOD IS THE LORD TO ALL.**

### *SECOND READING*

St Paul to the Colossians (3:12-17), by Merran Bryford

You are God's chosen race, his saints;  
he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion,  
in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with one another;  
forgive each other as soon as the quarrel begins.

The Lord has forgiven you;  
now you must do the same.

Over all these clothes,  
to keep them together and complete them.

Put on love.

And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts,  
because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one  
body.

Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you.

Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom.

With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired  
songs to God.

The Word of the Lord  
***ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.***

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*  
Read by Merran Bryford

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
As long as we love one another  
God will live in us  
and his love will be complete in us  
Alleluia! Alleluia

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK**  
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***ALL: GLORY BE TO GOD.***



**RITE OF MARRIAGE**  
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**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Reader:** For Bride and Groom that the Lord, who has brought them to this happy day will keep em forever in fidelity and love. Lord hear us.

***ALL: LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.***

**Reader:** For the parents of Bride and Groom, for their friends and all who have helped them to become husband and wife. Lord hear us.

***ALL: LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.***

**Reader:** For married couples everywhere that their lives will be an example to the world of unity, fidelity and love. Lord hear us.

***ALL: LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.***

**Reader:** For the faithful departed and especially for those whom we, ourselves, have loved, that God will one day unite us again in the joys of our eternal home. Lord hear us.

***ALL: LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.***

### **THE LORDS PRAYER**

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### **CONCLUDING RITE**

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### **BLESSING AT END OF CEREMNOY**

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