

Please be seated for the first reading.

***First reading, read by Paul Mccourt
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

R: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm, read by Michelle Anderson.

The response to the Psalm is: The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R**

The love of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear;
his justice reaches out to children's children
when they keep his covenant in truth. **R**

The Art of Marriage by Wilfred A Peterson, read by Maria Kenney

A good marriage must be created.

In the marriage, the little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once each day,

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is having a mutual sense of values and objectives.

It is standing together and facing the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.

It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each person can grow.

It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is not only marrying the right person

It is being the right partner.

A poem on Love, read by Caroline Mccourt

Love,
Puts the music in laughter,
The beauty in song,
The warmth in a shoulder,
The gentle in strong.

Love,
Puts the magic in memories,
The sunshine in skies
The gladness in giving,
The starlight in eyes.

Love,
Puts the fun in together,
The sad in apart,
The hope in tomorrow,
The joy in the heart.

Love,
Puts blue in the skies,
The brightness in light,
The calm to our days,
The sweet dreams to our night.

Gospel Acclamation:

Please stand to greet the gospel

Alleluia, Alleluia.

As the father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Fr Ryan: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Fr Ryan: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved 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 own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.'

Fr Ryan: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Please be seated

The celebration of Marriage

The Rite of Marriage

The Bride and Groom stand.

The Civil Declaration of Freedom

Consent

The priest invites the couple to declare their consent.

Fr Ryan: May the Lord in his kindness strengthen the consent you have declared before the Church, and graciously bring to fulfilment his blessing within you. What God joins together, let no one put asunder.

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

May the Lord bless these rings which you give to each other as a sign of your love and fidelity.

All: Amen

Bride and Groom exchange rings.

Fr Ryan: Grace and James, before God's people I pronounce you husband and wife. You may now kiss the bride.



Final Hymn

I danced in the morning When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe And the pharisee,
But they would not dance And they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, For James and John –
They came with me And the Dance went on.

Chorus

I danced on the Sabbath And I cured the lame;
The holy people Said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped And they hung me on high,
And they left me there On a Cross to die.

Chorus

I danced on a Friday When the sky turned black –
It's hard to dance With the devil on your back.
They buried my body And they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance, And I still go on.

Chorus

They cut me down And I leapt up high;
I am the life That'll never, never die;
I'll live in you If you'll live in me –
I am the Lord Of the Dance, said he.

Chorus

Bidding Prayers

Read by Rhiannon Lavin, Katrina Prior, Olivia Johnson, Callum Mccourt and Jonjoe Mccourt.

1. We pray for James and Grace, that their life together will be filled with happiness and love, that they may always be true friends to each other. That together they will face the challenges of life.

Lord, in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

2. By this marriage, two families have been united. May both families continue to be a source of love, support and guidance James and Graces life.

Lord, in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

3. We pray for the families and friends of James and Grace who have come from near and far, and for all the help, support and encouragement they have given. May the Lord reward them for their goodness and kindness.

Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

4. May all married couples here today be reminded of the joy of their own day. May they give thanks for the happiness they have known and may each day find them more devoted to each other than the last.

Lord, in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

5. We remember the smiles and laughter of those who have gone before us, who would have loved to share in the joy and happiness of this day. We thank God for the happy memories they have left with us. May God one day unite us again.

Lord, in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer

We pray for the private intentions of all here present, that God may grant you and your loved ones your requests, and guide you happily through life.

R. Hear our prayer

The Nuptial Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

Civil signing of the Register

Songbird, Eva Cassidy

Can't help falling in Love, Hailey Reinhart cover

Sang by the Thomas sisters

Final Prayer and Blessing