



*Wedding of N & N*

*Church: St. Patrick's Church*

*Date: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2001*

### *Entrance Antiphon*

**Priest:** Fill us with your love, O Lord and we will sing for joy all our days. May the goodness of the Lord be upon us, and give success to the work of our hands.

### *The Greeting*

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**All:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**

### *Penitential Rite*

**Priest:** My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

**All:** **I confess to almighty God.....**

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** Lord have mercy.

**All:** **Lord have mercy.**

**Priest:** Christ have mercy.

**All:** **Christ have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord have mercy.

**All:** **Lord have mercy.**

**Priest:** Glory to God in the highest,

**All:** **and on earth peace to people of good will.....**

### *Opening Prayer*

**Priest:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that these your servants, now to be joined by the Sacrament of Matrimony, may grow in the faith they profess and enrich your Church with faithful offspring. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen**

## *Liturgy of the Word*

### **First Reading**

(or choose another from the old testament)

A reading from the book of Ruth

“Wherever you go, I will go,  
Wherever you live I will live,  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God, my God.

Where you die, I will die  
and there I will be buried.

May God do this thing for me and more also  
if even death should come between us”

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

(omitted if the psalm is being sung)

Response: How good is the Lord to all

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. (R)

All your creatures shall than 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. (R)

The Lord is just in all this ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. ®

### **Second Reading**

A reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians

(or choose another from the new testament)

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 it is never 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

God is Love

Whoever live in love lives in God  
and God lives in him.

**Alleluia!**

## **The Gospel**

**Priest:** The Lord is with you

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## ***THE RITE OF MARRIAGE***

**ALL STAND**

### **THE ADDRESS** *(choose one)*

Dear children of God, you have come to this church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest and this community. Christian marriage is a sacred union, which enriches natural love. It binds those who enter it to be faithful to each other forever; it creates between them a bond that endures for life and cannot be broken; it demands that they love and honour each other (and that they accept from God the children he may give them and bring them up in his love). To help them in their marriage a husband and wife receive the life-long grace of the sacrament. Is this your understanding of marriage?

**Both: It is.**

**OR**

Dear children of God, you have come to this church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest and this community. Christ blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in Baptism; now, by a special sacrament, he strengthens you to fulfil the duties of your married life.

*The priest then questions the bride and bridegroom.*

N and N you are about to celebrate this sacrament. Have you come here of your own free will and choice and without compulsion to marry each other?

**Both: We have.**

Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life? **Both: We will.**

Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his Church? **Both: We are.**

### *THE DECLARATION OF CONSENT (choose one)*

*The priest invites the couple to declare their consent.*

I invite you to declare before God and his Church your consent to become husband and wife.

1. **Bridegroom.**                    **I, N, take you N as my wife,  
  for better, for worse,  
for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health,  
all the days of my life.**

**Bride.**    **I, N, take you N as my husband,  
for better, for worse,  
for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health,  
all the days of my life.**

**Priest**    What God joins together man must not separate.  
May the Lord confirm the consent you have given  
and enrich you with his blessing.

**OR**

2. **Priest**    N do you take N as your wife  
for better, for worse,  
for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health,  
all the days of your life?

**Bridegroom**                                    **I do.**

**Priest**    N do you take N as your wife  
for better, for worse,  
for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health,  
all the days of your life?

**Bride**    **I do.**

**Priest**    What God joins together man must not separate.  
May the Lord confirm the consent you have given  
and enrich you with his blessing.

### ***THE BLESSING OF RINGS***

**Priest:** Lord, bless N and N and consecrate their married life. May these rings be symbols of their faith in each other and reminders of their love.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**Groom:** N wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Bride** N wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### ***THE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS (optional)***

*The bride and bridegroom may exchange gold and silver saying:*

**I give you this gold and silver, tokens of all I possess.**

### ***THE PRAYER OF THE NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE***

*(The newly married couple pray together)*

**We thank you, Lord, and we praise you  
for bringing us to this happy day.**

**You have given us to each other,  
now, together, we give ourselves to you.**

**Make us one in our love,  
Keep us one in your peace,  
Protect our marriage,  
Bless our home,  
Make us gentle,  
Keep us faithful.**

**And when life is over unite us again  
where parting is no more in the kingdom of your love.  
There we will praise you in the happiness of our eternal home.  
Amen.**

### ***THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (examples) ALL STAND***

For N and N as they begin their married life together; for happiness in their home. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us..**

For their parents, family and friends and all who helped them to this happy day. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us..**

For our community and families, that we might share the love we celebrate today with the

poor and suffering of the world.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us..**

For all married couples and those preparing for marriage; remembering especially those here present and those experiencing difficulties in married life.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us..**

For our friends and relatives who have departed this life (especially ..... ) and for all the faithful departed.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us..**

### *THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST*

#### *PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE*    **ALL SIT** **(INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC / HYMN)**

**Priest:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.....  
**All:**            **Blessed be God forever.**

**Priest:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.....  
**All:**            **Blessed be God forever.**

**Priest:** Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable **A** to God, the Almighty Father.  
**All:**            **May the Lord accept the sacrifice of your hands  
                    for the praise and glory of his name,  
                    for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### *EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II*

**Priest:** The Lord be with you  
**All:**            **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.  
**All:**            **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All:**            **It is right and just.**

**All:**            **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts.  
                    Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
                    Hosanna in the highest.  
                    Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
                    Hosanna in the highest.**

**Priest:**            The mystery of faith.  
**All:**            **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
                    and profess your Resurrection  
                    until you come again.**

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen.**

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### *COMMUNION RITE*

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Priest:** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

**All:** **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

**Priest:** The Nuptial Blessing.....

**All:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;  
look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church  
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will  
who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**All:** **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### *PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

ALL STAND

**Priest:** Let us pray.....



**All:**           **Amen.**

***FINAL BLESSING***

**Priest:**       The Lord be with you.

**All:**           **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:**       God, the eternal Father keep you in love with each other so that the peace of Christ may stay with you and be always in your home.

**All:**           **Amen.**

**Priest:**       May you be blessed in your children, have solace in your friends and enjoy true peace with everyone.

**All:**           **Amen.**

**Priest:**       May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity, so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God.

**All:**           **Amen.**

**Priest:** May almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**All:**           **Amen.**

**Priest:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All:**           **Thanks be to God.**

***RECESSIONAL MUSIC / HYMN***

*Reflection*

*Or*

*Thank you*