**WEDDING PARTY**

**Bride: Name**

**Groom: Name**

**Bridesmaids: Name**

**Name**

**Name**

**Best Man: Name**

**Groomsmen: Name**

**Name**

**Flower Girl: Name**

**Page Boy: Name**

**Celebrant: Name**

**Concelebrant: Name**

**Music: Name**

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITE**

*Symbol of Light*

Bride and Groom each light a candle as a sign of their individual lives which will soon become one in the bond of marriage.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Song*

**The Greeting**

P. The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

**THE PENITENTIAL RITE**

P. 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**

**to you, my brothers and sisters,**

**that I have greatly sinned**

**in my thoughts and in my words,**

**in what I have done**

**and in what I have failed to do,**

**through my fault,**

**through my fault,**

**through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,**

**all the Angels and Saints,**

**and you, my brothers and sisters,**

**to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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

All **Amen**

P. **Lord, have mercy** All **Lord, have mercy**

P. **Christ, have mercy** All **Christ, have mercy**

P. **Lord, have mercy** All **Lord, have mercy**

**GLORIA**

All **Glory to God in the highest,**

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

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,**

**Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;**

**you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

P. Let us pray.

Father, hear our prayers for Bride and Groom,

who today are united in marriage before your altar.

Give them your blessing,

and strengthen their love for each other.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis**

God said, ‘Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.’ God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying to them, ‘Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.’ God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**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.

**How good is the Lord to all**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat your blessing. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them your food in due time.

**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.

**How good is the Lord to all**

**Second Reading: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

I, John, seemed to hear the great sound of a huge crowd in heaven, singing, ‘Alleluia! Victory and glory and power to our God!’ Then a voice came from the throne; it said ‘Praise our God, you servants of his and all who great or small revere him.’ And I seemed to hear the voices of a huge crowd, like the sound of the ocean or the great roar of thunder answering, ‘Alleluia! The reign of the Lord our God Almighty has begun; let us be glad and joyful and give praise to God because this is the time for the marriage of the Lamb. His bride is ready, and she has been able to dress herself in dazzling white linen, because her linen is made of the good deeds of the saints.’ The angel said, ‘Write this: happy are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God is love; let us love one another as he has loved us. **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

P. The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

P.A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

P. Jesus said to his disciples, “As the father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love and my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.”

This is the word of the Lord.

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

**RITE OF MARRIAGE**

P. 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.

Bride and Groom, 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**

P. Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?

**Both: We will**

P. Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you and bring them up on accordance with the law of Christ and His Church?

**Both: We are**

**DECLARATION OF CONSENT**

P. I invite you then to declare before God and His Church your consent to become husband and wife.

**Groom: I Groom take you Bride as my wife,**

**for better, for worse,**

**for richer, for poorer,**

**in sickness and in health,**

**all the days of your life.**

**Bride: I Bride take you Groom as my husband,**

**for better, for worse,**

**for richer, for poorer,**

**in sickness and in health,**

**all the days of your life.**

P. What God joins together, man must not separate.

May the Lord confirm the consent that you have

given and enrich you with his blessings.

**BLESSING OF THE RINGS**

P. Lord, bless Bride and Groom, and consecrate

their married life. May these rings be a symbol of

their faith in each other and a reminder of their

love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

**Groom: Bride wear this ring as a sign of our love and**

**Fidelity. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**Bride: Groom wear this ring as a sign of our love and fidelity. In the name of the Father and of the**

**Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**EXCHANGE OF GIFTS**

**Groom: I give you this gift, as a token of all I possess.**

**Bride: I give you this gift, as a token of all I possess.**

**PRAYER OF NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE**

**Both: 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. We ask you Lord; make us one in love; keep us 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 and peace of our eternal home. Amen.**

**CANDLE CEREMONY**

Bride and Groom now light a single candle from their individual candles to signify their new life together as a couple.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

P. **Inviting people to pray**

1. Let us pray for Bride and Groom who are now united in marriage. May God keep them in his care and may He bless their world with health and happiness. Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord hear our prayer.**

2. Let us pray for the parents of Bride and Groom and for all their family and friends who have helped to become husband and wife. Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord hear our prayer.**

3. Let us pray for all who could not be with us today. Through your grace grant that they share in the joy of the day. Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord hear our prayer.**

4. Let us pray for all couples preparing for marriage that God may guide them as they prepare for this important day. Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord hear our prayer.**

5. Let us pray for our relatives and friends who have departed from this life. Let us pray especially for N and N, and may God unite us again in the joys of heaven. Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord hear our prayer.**

P. Priest concludes with a prayer.

All  **Amen**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*Offertory Procession*

P. Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,

which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

P. By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to

share in our humanity. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become our spiritual drink

All **Blessed be God forever.**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

P. Pray brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good, and the good of all His holy Church.**

P. Lord,

Accept our offering for this newly married couple, Bride and Groom.

By your love and providence you have brought them together;

Now bless them all the days of their married life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P. The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right and just.**

P. Father all powerful and ever living God,

we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

By this sacrament your grace unites man and woman

in an unbreakable bond of love and peace.

You have designed the chaste love of husband and wife

for the increase, both of the human family

and of your own family born in baptism.

You are the loving Father of the world of nature;

You are the loving Father of the new creation of grace.

In Christian marriage you bring together the two orders of creation; nature’s gift of children enriches the world

and your grace enriches your Church.

Through Christ, the choirs of angels and all the saints

praise and worship your glory.

May our voices blend with theirs as we join in their unending hymn of praise.

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.**

P. Father, you are holy indeed and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit. From age to age you gather a people to your self, so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name. And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all men so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

**ACCLAMATION**

1. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **We proclaim your death, O Lord,**

**And profess your resurrection until you come again.**

P. In memory of His death and resurrection,

we offer you, Father this life giving bread,

this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy

to stand in your presence and serve you.

May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ

be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world;

make us grow in love,

together with Benedict our Pope,

Colm our Bishop, and all the clergy.

Remember our brothers and sisters

who have gone to their rest

in the hope of rising again;

bring them and all the departed

into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all;

make us worthy to share eternal life

with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,

with the apostles, and with all the saints

who have done your will throughout the ages.

May we praise you in union with them,

and give you glory

through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Him, with Him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever

All **Amen.**

**COMMUNION RITE**

1. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name**

**NUPTIAL BLESSING**

P. Let us ask God to bless Bride and Groom now married in

Christ and unite them in His love through the sacrament of

his body and blood. God, our Father, creator of the

universe, you made man and woman in your our likeness

and blessed their union. We humbly pray to you for Bride

and Groom today united in the sacrament of marriage. May

your blessing come upon them. May they find happiness

and love for each other, be blessed with children and be

examples to others in the way they live. May they praise

you in their days of happiness and turn to you in times of

sorrow. May they know the joy of your help in their work

and the strength of your presence in their need. May they

worship you with the Church and be your witness in the

world. May old age come to them in the company of their

friends and may they reach, at last, the Kingdom of

Heaven. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

**THE RITE OF PEACE**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:

I leave you peace, my peace I give you.

Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,

and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom

where you live for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All **And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All **Lamb of God, you take away sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away sins of the world:**

**grant us peace.**

P. Behold the Lamb of God,

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are 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.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Song*

**OR**

P. I give you a new commandment, love one another as I

have loved you, says the Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Let us pray.

Lord, we who have shared the food of your table

pray for our friends Bride and Groom,

whom you have joined together in marriage.

Keep them close to you always.

May their love for each other

proclaim to all the world

their faith in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

**THE BLESSING**

P. The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

P. 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.**

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

All **Amen.**

P. May you be witnesses in the world to Gods 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.**

P. And may Almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION REFLECTION**

Jesus, walk with us on the road of life.

Be our friend, companion and the guiding force of our lives.

Be the love that unites us.

Be the joy in our hearts.

Be our inspiration.

Be our brother, be our everything,

for you alone are our God.