

To the Two of You

Congratulations! You have made one of the most exciting and important decisions you will ever make. And now you have many other decisions to make: whom should we invite? what should I wear? and dozens of others. It all takes thought and planning. Another important part of your wedding planning includes choosing for your wedding liturgy the readings, music, and prayers that reflect your faith, your hope, and your love for each other.

This booklet offers you most of the texts for the marriage liturgy and directions to help you choose. If you have any questions, talk with the priest, deacon, or marriage preparation team assisting you. Then select the words that appeal to you.

Preparing for your wedding is a time to reflect, to pray, and to share faith. We hope that the scripture readings and prayers you choose continue to inspire you after your wedding, nourish your prayer life, and deepen your love.

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Wedding Ceremony Planner

Groom _____

Bride _____

Date/Time of Marriage _____

Date/Time of Rehearsal _____

Please return this form **ten days prior** to the date of your marriage. Include a copy of the readings and a copy of the general intercessions that you have selected.

First Reading (Old Testament) _____

Reader of the First Reading _____

Responsorial Psalm (if not sung) _____

Reader of Psalm _____

Second Reading (New Testament) _____

Reader of Second Reading _____

General Intercessions: Please provide a copy for Father.

Reader of the Intercessions _____

If your wedding includes a Holy Mass:

Gift Bearers (2-3 people) _____

FIRST READING Genesis 1.26-28, 31a

A reading from the book of Genesis

**Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image,
according to our likeness;
and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,
and over the birds of the air,
and over the cattle,
and over all the wild animals of the earth,
and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”**

**So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.**

**God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply,
and fill the earth and subdue it;
and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and
over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”**

**God saw everything that he had made,
and indeed, it was very good.**

And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

FIRST READING Genesis 2.18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

**Then the Lord God said, “It is not good
that the man should be alone;**

I will make him a helper as his partner.”

**So out of the ground the Lord God formed
every animal of the field and every bird of the air,
and brought them to the man
to see what he would call them;
and whatever the man called every living creature,
that was its name.**

**The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air,
and to every animal of the field;
but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.**

**So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man,
and he slept;
then he took one of his ribs
and closed up its place with flesh.**

**And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man
he made into a woman and brought her to the man.**

**Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”**

**Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother
and clings to his wife,
and they become one flesh.**

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

FIRST READING Tobit 8.5-7a

A reading from the book of Tobit

**Tobias and Sarah began to pray and implore
that they might be kept safe.**

Tobias began by saying,

**“Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors,
and blessed is your name in all generations forever.**

Let the heavens and the whole creation bless you forever.

**You made Adam, and for him you made his wife Eve
as a helper and support.**

From the two of them the human race has sprung.

**You said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone;
let us make a helper for him like himself.’**

**I now am taking this kinswoman of mine,
not because of lust,
but with sincerity.**

**Grant that she and I may find mercy
and that we may grow old together.”**

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

FIRST READING Song of Solomon 2.8-10, 14, 16a; 8.6-7a

A reading from the Song of Songs

The voice of my beloved!

**Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains,
 bounding over the hills.**

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

**Look, there he stands behind our wall,
 gazing in at the windows,
 looking through the lattice.**

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;

**O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the cliff,
 let me see your face, let me hear your voice;
 for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.**

My beloved is mine and I am his.”

Set me as a seal upon your heart,

as a seal upon your arm;

for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

FIRST READING Sirach 26.1-4, 13-16

A reading from the book of Sirach

**Happy is the husband of a good wife;
the number of his days will be doubled.**

**A loyal wife brings joy to her husband,
and he will complete his years in peace.**

**A good wife is a great blessing;
she will be granted among the blessings
of the man who fears the Lord.**

**Whether rich or poor, his heart is content,
and at all times his face is cheerful.**

**A wife's charm delights her husband,
and her skill puts flesh on his bones.**

**A silent wife is a gift from the Lord,
and nothing is so precious as her self-discipline.**

**A modest wife adds charm to charm,
and no scales can weigh the value of her chastity.**

**Like the sun rising in the heights of the Lord,
so is the beauty of a good wife in her well-ordered home.**

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31.31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

**The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.**

**It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to bring them out of the land of Egypt -
a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,
says the Lord.**

**But this is the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel after those days,
says the Lord: I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

**No longer shall they teach one another,
or say to each other,
“Know the Lord,”
for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,
says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity,
and remember their sin no more.**

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

The responsorial psalms give us words for responding to the reading from God's word. Since the psalm responses are sung, you can find settings for them in the Catholic Book of Worship III hymnal and the Glory & Praise hymnal.

Psalm 33

Refrain: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.
Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love. (*Refrain*)**

**Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name. (*Refrain*)**

**Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you. (*Refrain*)**

Psalm 34

Refrain: I will bless the Lord at all times.

**I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad. (*Refrain*)**

**O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears. (*Refrain*)**

**Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble. (*Refrain*)**

**The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him. (*Refrain*)**

Psalm 103

Refrain: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits. (*Refrain*)**

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. (*Refrain*)**

**But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting
to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments. (*Refrain*)**

Psalm 145

Refrain: The Lord is good to all.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made. *(Refrain)*

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season. *(Refrain)*

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth. *(Refrain)*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

What then are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son,

but gave him up for all of us,

will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn?

It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,

who is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors

through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

(The shorter version of this reading ends at the asterisks.)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

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Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

**The body is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.
And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.
Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
Anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.
Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit
within you, which you have from God,
and that you are not your own?
For you were bought with a price;
therefore glorify God in your body.**

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the Church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind - yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish.

In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies.

He who loves his wife loves himself.

For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the Church, because we are members of his body.

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

This is a great mystery,

and I am applying it to Christ and the Church.

Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

**As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, and patience.**

**Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint
against another, forgive each other;
just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.**

**Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.**

**And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the one body.**

And be thankful.

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;
and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns,
and spiritual songs to God.**

**And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

A reading from the first letter of John

Little children,

**let us love, not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.**

**And by this we will know that we are from the truth
and will reassure our hearts before him
whenever our hearts condemn us;
for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.**

**Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have boldness before God;
and we receive from him whatever we ask,
because we obey his commandments
and do what pleases him.**

**And this is his commandment,
that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and love one another,
just as he has commanded us.**

**All who obey his commandments abide in him,
and he abides in them.**

**And by this we know that he abides in us,
by the Spirit that he has given us.**

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

A reading from the first letter of John

**Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God,
for God is love.
God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another,
God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

A reading from the book of Revelation

After this I, John, heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power to our God... .”

And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God, all you his servants, and all who fear him small and great.”

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

**Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready;
to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen,
bright and pure”
- for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.**

And the angel said to me,

**“Write this: Blessed are those who are invited
to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”**

And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

The word of the Lord.

(A period of silence is observed after the reading.)

Other Possibilities

If you would like to look at other readings consider the following choices. You can look them up in your Bible.

Old Testament Readings (first reading)

Ruth 1.16-17

Proverbs 3.3-6

Proverbs 31.10-30

Song of Songs 4.1, 9-10; 5.10, 15b-16

Isaiah 61.10-11; 62.3-5

Jeremiah 32.37b-41

New Testament Readings (second reading)

Romans 15.1b-3a, 5-7,13

Galatians 5.1, 13-14, 22-23a, 24-25 or 13.1-13

Ephesians 3.14-21

Ephesians 4.1-6

Ephesians 5.1-2, 8-14

Philippians 2.1-11

Philippians 4.4-9

Colossians 3.12-17

Hebrews 13.1-4a, 5-6b

Revelation 21.1-6

General Intercessions

The community present at the celebration offers prayers for you, the newlywed couple. This prayer is to be directed first of all toward your life and happiness together. All those with whom you have been or will be associated should be included, too.

The presentation of the General Intercessions may be done by a member of your family or by a friend. You may wish to add one or more intentions of your own.

From among the following Intercessions, choose five or six (usually no more than one from each section). These are only models, so feel free to adapt them to your own situation or to compose new ones.

A. For the newly married couple

1. For N. and N., now united in marriage, that they may be a sign of Christ's presence to one another and to the community,
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
2. That God will make N. and N. rejoice in mutual love that is faithful to the end:
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
3. That N. and N. may persevere in love, maintain their resolve to support each other and come together to an ever greater knowledge of God:
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
4. That our brother and sister (N. and N.) may turn to Christ in all their joys and sorrows, and help each other throughout life to discover their personal gifts and use them to serve God:
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

5. That the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be given to N. and N. in abundance and make of their union an ever more powerful sign of Christ's love for the Church:
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

B. For all married people

1. For all married couples present here, that they may renew their commitment to love and to share with the world the mystery of God's friendship:
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
2. For all who are married in the Lord, that God will help them grow in love and sustain them in their efforts to give of themselves to others:
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

C. For the Church

1. For the Church of God, that we may be more aware of our vocation as the bride of Christ:
we pray to the Lord..
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
2. For God's holy people, that through this celebration we all may grow in our desire to serve and love the world:
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

D. For the world

1. For the world, that in its hunger for love it may turn to Christ and acknowledge him as Lord:
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. That the world we live in and are called to serve may be enlivened by the presence of God shown forth in the love of men and women:
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

E. For the assembly and particular needs

1. For ourselves united here in God's name, that the Word of God may sustain us all in our vocation to love:
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
2. For our community, for ourselves, and for each other, that we may accept the challenge placed before us today, and make love our way of life:
we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

F. Here are additional suggestions for the intercessions. You might want to select from them instead of, or in addition to, ones in sections A to E.

1. For N. and N. on this day of great joy: for the grace to persevere in love, cherish each other in all things, and share their love generously with all those whom they encounter.
We pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
2. For N. and N.'s families, as they rejoice in this newly-married couple's happiness, and welcome new family members.
We pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
3. For a world of peace and justice for all, the best gift we can give to our children.
We pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For all married couples, called to show to the world God's faithfulness in their love and tenderness for each other, and for couples who are struggling to love each other.
We pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
5. For children - those who are well-loved, and those who hunger for love.
We pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
6. For the safety of travelers and hospitality for all who seek refuge.
We pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
7. For all of us gathered here, called to grow in love for the human community and use our gifts to build a better world.
We pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
8. For the members of N. and N.'s families who have died, and for those who feel their absence most keenly at this time of joy.
We pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Music for Catholic Weddings

In liturgical ceremonies, such as a Catholic wedding, music plays a very important role. Care and attention should be given when choosing music. Below are some guidelines to help you select, beautiful and dignified music for your wedding.

First it should be said that the music chosen should correspond with the purpose of the wedding ceremony which is *to give praise and glory to God*. The lives of the newly married couple are strengthened by the ceremony so that they may give praise and glory to God through their very lives. The whole wedding ceremony then is a prayer. In this light the music chosen for a wedding should be prayerful.

General rule of thumb when choosing music:

If you are at all curious if a song may be appropriate ask yourself, “Will this song help us lift our hearts in prayer to God?”

Answers to some common questions

i. Can we use classical music at our wedding?

While liturgical music is preferred if you are not familiar with such music **classical music may be chosen**.

ii. Can we use contemporary worship music?

Again while liturgical music is preferred, contemporary worship music does meet the above criteria, for it is music that gives praise and glory to God and so it may be selected.

iii. Can we use popular, non-religious music in our wedding?

Using popular music at a Catholic wedding like the latest love song to hit the charts, the bride/groom's favourite song, or a classic Frank Sinatra ballad, (even if the song is played instrumentally) — **is not permitted**. That being said, you are more than welcome to use these songs at some other time during the wedding day.

iv. Can we use recorded music?

Using recorded music during the wedding liturgy is not permitted. This is based upon the above criteria, that the wedding liturgy, including the music, is a prayer, and an essential element of any prayer is that it comes from the person who is offering it. Imagine using a CD to replace a spoken prayer, like the Lord's Prayer—it just wouldn't be the same as saying it yourself. Moreover, having live music adds to the dignity and beauty of the celebration.

Suggested Hymns and Songs

Here are some suggested hymns and songs you may wish to use for your wedding. This is by no means a complete list. Almost any song which is sung in a Catholic church during Sunday worship would be considered appropriate. Most of these songs can be listened to on several music web sites for FREE (i.e. itunes.)

Appropriate Wedding Hymns - Processional/Recessional

1. Christ from whom all blessing flow
2. All Creatures of our God and King
3. Praise to the Lord the Almighty
4. Gather Your People - Hurd
5. God, Who Created Hearts to Love
6. Splendor and Honor
7. How Great Thou Art
8. Joyful, Joyful We Adore You
9. Love Divine, All Love's Excelling
10. Now Thank We All Our God
11. Praise the Lord
12. Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven
13. To you Our Holy God
14. All People that on Earth do Dwell
15. To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King
16. Blest Are They - Hass
17. Here I Am, Lord - Schutte
18. I Have Loved You - Joncas
19. On Eagle's Wings - Joncas
20. Prayer of St Francis - Sebastian Temple
21. Servant Song - McGargill
22. You are Mine -Haas

Some beautiful classical songs, may also be chosen:

**Air on G string	Johann Sebastian Bach	(4:45)
*Allegro Maestoso(from Water Music)	G.F. Handel	(1:20)
Arioso	Johann Sebastian Bach	(2:45)
Ave Maria	J. S. Bach / Charles Gounod	(2:34)
Ave Maria	F. Schubert	(2:13)
Ave Verum Corpus [For COMMUNION]	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	(3:31)
**Barcarolle	Jacques Offenbach	(2:33)
**Canon in D	Johann Pachelbel	(3:04)
Cello Suite No. 1, Prelude	Johann Sebastian Bach	(2:23)
**Für Elise	Ludwig van Beethoven	(2:56)
Hornpipe (from Water Music Suite)	G.F. Handel	(4:42)
*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Johann Sebastian Bach	(3:52)
*Jupiter (Chorale Theme)	Gustav Holst	(2:31)
March from Occasional Oratorio	G.F. Handel	(2:22)
**Morning	Edvard Grieg	(4:08)
*Ode to Joy, Symphony no. 9	Ludwig van Beethoven	(1:53)
**Prelude in A Major	Chopin	(1:17)
**Prelude in C Major	Johann Sebastian Bach	(2:09)
*Rondeau in D	Jean-Joseph Mouret	(1:28)
**Reverie	Claude Debussy	(4:31)
**Sheep May Safely Graze	Johann Sebastian Bach	(4:52)
*Spring (from <i>The Four Seasons</i>)	Antonio Vivaldi	(3:29)
Te Deum	Marc-Antoine Charpentier	(0:53)
*Trumpet Tune	Henry Purcell	(1:24)
*Trumpet Voluntary	Jeremiah Clarke	(3:03)
(a.k.a. "The Prince of Denmark's March		
Wachet Auf / Cantata No.140	Johann Sebastian Bach	(3:27)

* Processionals or Recessionals (or as Prelude if piano is soft)

** Prelude or Signing of Registry

Prayer for a Wedding Banquet

Leader:

**God and Creator of us all,
you are the giver of all good gifts.
We praise and thank you today
for the love you have placed in the hearts of N. and N.,
and for allowing us to share in that love.
We thank you for the joy we feel when we gather with friends.
We thank you for the food we are about to share.
Let this banquet be for us a sign of your constant care.
Bless us, and the food we eat.
Give us grateful hearts to sing your praise,
now and forever.**

All: Amen.

Order of Service for Marriage without Holy Mass

Introductory Rites

Processional

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading

Psalm

2nd Reading

Gospel

Homily

Rite of Marriage

Statement of Intention

Exchange of Vows

Exchange of Rings

General Intercession

Closing Rites

Nuptial Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

Final Blessing

Signing of the Register

Recessional

Order of Service for Marriage including Holy Mass

Introductory Rites

Opening Hymn/Song

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading

Psalm

2nd Reading

Gospel

Homily

Rite of Marriage

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Exchange of Vows

Exchange of Rings

General Intercession

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Holy Communion

Final Blessing

Signing of the Register

Recessional