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Old Testament Readings

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.

The word of the Lord.

22.

A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

23.

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.

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1st Reading: _____ Page _____

Name of Reader: _____

2nd Reading: _____ Page _____

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Prayers of the Faithful:

Name of Reader _____

7.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The servant of Abraham said to Laban:

“Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord,
and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham,
who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter
of my master’s kinsman for his son.

Now then,
if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me;
and if not, tell me,
so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

Then Laban and Bethuel answered,
“The thing comes from the Lord;
we cannot speak to you anything bad or good.
Look, Rebekah is before you,
take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master’s son,
as the Lord has spoken.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her,
“Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.”
So they sent away their sister Rebekah
and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men.
And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,
“May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.”
Then Rebekah and her maids rose up,
mounted the camels, and followed the man;

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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.

21.

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.

6.

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.

9.

A reading from the book of Tobit.

*On a long journey into an unknown land,
Tobias had been guided by a messenger of the Lord.
They finally arrived at the home of Raguel;
the host's daughter Sarah and Tobias were introduced.*

*Tobias wished to marry Sarah, and take her to his home.
Her previous marriages had proven to be bitter
disappointments, one after another;
She and her parents had all but despaired of knowing
normal happiness.*

*A dinner was held in honour of the two guests:
Everyone at table,
about to enjoy the hospitality of Sarah's father;
Tobias asked God's messenger to help him gain
Sarah's hand in marriage,
as prescribed by the law of Moses.*

Tobias said to Raphael,
"Brother Azariah,
ask Raguel to give me my kinswoman Sarah."

But Raguel overheard it and said to the lad,
"Eat and drink, and be merry tonight.
For no one except you, brother,
has the right to marry my daughter Sarah.
Likewise, I am not at liberty to give her to any other man
than yourself, because you are my nearest relative.

18.

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.
But as for prophecies, they will come to an end;
as for tongues, they will cease;
as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

The word of the Lord.

19.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.
 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.
 Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord.
 For the husband is the head of the wife
 just as Christ is the head of the church,
 the body of which he is the Savior.
 Just as the church is subject to Christ,
 so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

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 splendor,
 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.”

8.

thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.
 Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi,
 and was settled in the Negeb.
 Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field;
 and looking up, he saw camels coming.

And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac,
 she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant,
 “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?”
 The servant said, “It is my master.”
 So she took her veil and covered herself.

And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.
 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent.
 He took Rebekah, and she became his wife;
 and he loved her.
 So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

The word of the Lord.

11.

A reading from the book of Tobit.

*God had heard the prayers of Tobias and Sarah.
In his kindness, God had sent his messenger Raphael
to bring them together in marriage,
and to free Sarah from the difficulties which had so long
tried her patience and trust.*

*On their wedding night,
Tobias and Sarah sought God's
continuing favour and protection;
together, they praised God.*

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.

16.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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;
out-do one another in showing honor.
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.

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.

17.

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.

10.

She is given to you in accordance with the decree
in the book of Moses,
and it has been decreed from heaven,
my child guide and prosper you both this night
and grant you mercy and peace.”

Then Raguel summoned his daughter Sarah.
When she came to him he took her to Tobias, saying,
“Take her to be your wife in accordance with the law
and decree written in the book of Moses.
Take her and bring her safely to your father.
And may the God of heaven prosper your journey with peace.”

*Hand in hand, Tobias and Sarah received this blessing on their
wedding day:*

“May the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac,
and the God of Jacob, be with you.
And may he join you together,
And fulfill his blessing in you.”¹

Then he called her mother
and told her to bring writing material;
and he gave her to him as wife
according to the decree of the law of Moses.
Then they began to eat and drink.

The word of the Lord.

15.

New Testament Readings

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

12.

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.

13.

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.

14.

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;
he pastures his flock among the lilies.
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.

3.

Orders Of Service Or “Programs”

Orders of Service, or “programs” as they commonly called, are encouraged, but not required. They provide your guests with a nice memento of your celebration and they allow those who are not familiar with the Catholic Marriage Rite an opportunity to participate more fully in the celebration.

However, the printing and the distribution of such materials is the sole responsibility of the couple.

What About Decorations?

Any and all decorations should be modest and convoke a sense of beauty and they **must** be discussed with the Priest, **prior** to being purchased.

The throwing of confetti, rice, and the ‘dropping’ of flower pedals is not permitted on Church property. **The couple is responsible for all setup and removal of decorations.**

What is the required fee?

The preparation for a marriage requires the time and energy of pastoral staff. Therefore, it is required that the parish be given an offering of \$150.00.

This expense is negligible, compared to the cost of dresses, flowers, photographers, the reception, etc. For those who find themselves in a difficult financial situation, provisions can be made. Any questions or concerns in this matter should be directed to the priest.

24.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The body is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

Or 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.

25.

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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 thunder, 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.”

The word of the Lord.

2.

Are Cameras And Video Equipment Permitted In The Church?

An official photographer and/or a videographer are permitted for weddings. He or she should consult the priest prior to the wedding about location of setup etc. **Couples are responsible for any contract/financial arrangement made with photographers and /or videographers.**

“Unity Candles”

Unity candles, while acceptable in other Christian Traditions and even in some other Catholic parishes are not encouraged to be used in our parishes. The Catholic Marriage Ritual has an integral beauty which must be maintained. The current Roman Catholic Ritual makes no provision for any candle ceremony; if you wish to use one please speak to the priest. You may wish to incorporate the use of Unity Candles into your reception.

Selection Of Readings

All of the readings, with the exception of the Gospel, are chosen by the couple. Outside the Easter Season, the 1st reading is to be from the Hebrew Scriptures (“Old Testament”), followed by a Psalm, and then a reading from the New Testament, which is not a Gospel. During the Easter Season, both the 1st and the 2nd reading are taken from the New Testament.

A sample copy of these readings is contained in this booklet. Once you have selected these readings, you should inform the Priest as soon as possible.

1.

How Do I Plan A Wedding Liturgy?

It is **very important** for the couple to plan the ceremony with the Priest who will witness their marriage. He will help you plan a ceremony especially for you, while maintaining a sense of fidelity to the Roman Catholic Tradition. This pamphlet is intended to help you with the initial stages of your preparation, and to inform you of wedding practices in the Catholic parishes of Christ the King, and Sacred Heart.

Place Of Celebration

The Sacrament of Marriage is to be celebrated in the parish Church. Couples are reminded that their marriage is an act of **public** worship (from which we get the word Liturgy), and as such should be celebrated in the place where the parish community gathers to celebrate.

The place where the sacrament is celebrated should reflect the fact that one of the Church's Sacraments is being celebrated, and that this is truly an act of worship of the Christian community.

Selection Of Music

As noted, a wedding is principally a time of worship and as such the music that is selected ought to reflect this reality. There fore only certain hymns and musical settings are appropriate for a Catholic Wedding. Please contact the priest before making final decisions about music. **Couples are responsible for any contract/financial arrangement made with musicians.**

Prayer of the Faithful for Marriage

For *N.* and *N.* now united in marriage,
and for their salvation:

Let us pray—

Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

Let us pray—

Lord, hear our prayer.

For God's holy people,
that through this celebration
we all may grow in our desire to serve and love the world:

Let us pray—

Lord, hear our prayer.

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:

Let us pray—

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves united here in God's name,
that the Word of God may sustain us all
in our vocation to love:

Let us pray—

Lord, hear our prayer.

Prayers Before Marriage

Loving God,
You have surprised us with love.
You are waiting in the future to surprise us again.
Help us always to welcome with joy
whatever your loving hand sends our way.
May we live our whole life as your children,
eagerly awaiting your mercy and looking to you, the
author of our love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Blessed are you, Father of all goodness
and author of love.
You created us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
We thank you for the mystery of human love
which draws man to woman and woman to man.
Look upon us with kindness and show us your favor.
Bless our love for each other and lead us to the joyful
fulfillment of the pledge that we give each other.
Keep us faithful to our promises and true to each other's
trust. Give us the help we need and the support of our
families and friends as we prepare for married life
together.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*“May The Lord
Bless Us All The
Days Of Our
Lives”*

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