**Prelude**

‘Ave Maria’

**Entrance Hymn**

**Entrance of the Bride**

*Please stand for the entrance of the bride as ‘O Holy Night’ is sung solo by the cantor*

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Welcome & Lighting of the Candles**

**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**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please sit for the Readings*

**First reading read by…**

A reading from the book of Genesis (2:18-24).

The Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.’ So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

 ‘This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

 This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.’

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord. **R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 148: 1-4, 9-14)

**Led by …**

R/ **Alleluia!**

Praise the Lord from the heavens,

praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all his angels,

praise him, all his host. **R/**

Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, shining stars.

Praise him, highest heavens

and the waters above the heavens. **R/**

All mountains and hills,

all fruit trees and cedars,

beasts, wild and tame,

reptiles and birds on the wing. **R/**

All earth’s kings and peoples,

earth’s princes and rulers;

young men and maidens,

old men together with children. **R/**

Let them praise the name of the Lord

for he alone is exalted.

The splendour of his name

reaches beyond heaven and earth. **R/**

**Second reading read by …**

A reading from the First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (13: 8 – 13).

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord. R/ **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation - John 4:8 and 11**

*Please stand*

**All** Alleluia, alleluia

God is love;

Let us love one another

As God has loved us.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

The Lord be with you. R/**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:1-12)

**R/Glory to you O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord. **R/Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY**

*Please sit for the Homily*

**THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

**Intro. By the Celebrant**

**Questions Before the Consent**

**The Civil Declaration of Freedom**

**The Consent**

**The Reception of the Consent**

**The Blessing and Giving of Rings**

**Hymn**

**Prayer of the Faithful**

*Please stand*

Priest With confidence let us turn in prayer to the Father who created us in His own image and who holds us in being, that we, in all we do and say, might be a reflection of his love.

Donna Let us pray…; that they may grow in their understanding and love for one another.

Lord in your mercy… **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the families united by this marriage and for the Friends who have gathered to celebrate with them; that they may discover in …a source of encouragement and hope.

Lord in your mercy… **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all married couples; that they may be reminded of the joy of their own wedding day and give thanks for the blessing and happiness they have known in their own marriage.

Lord in your mercy… **Hear our prayer.**

Trish Let us pray for all those married couples experiencing difficulties;

thatthey may have the strength to persevere in their commitment.

Lord in your mercy… **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all of us gathered here; in our thoughts, words and

 actions may we give witness to God, who is Love.

Lord in your mercy… **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all the family and friends who could not be here today - remembering in particular those who have died, ….

Lord in your mercy… **Hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence let us bring before the Lord our personal prayers and petitions.

Priest Father hear the prayers we make in the name of Jesus your Son who is Lord for ever and ever.

**All Amen**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*Please sit as the gifts are brought to the altar by Paul* *& Alan*

**Offertory Hymn**

Priest Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours

may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*Please stand*

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.

Priest Receive, we pray, O Lord,

the offering made on the occasion

of this sealing of the sacred bond of Marriage,

and, just as your goodness is its origin,

may your providence guide its course.

Through Christ our lord.

All **Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

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**

Priest It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

 always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father,

 almighty and eternal God.

 For you have forged the covenant of marriage as a sweet harmony

 and an unbreakable bond of peace,

 so that the chaste and fruitful love of holy Matrimony

 may serve to increase the children you adopt as your own.

 By your providence and grace, O Lord, you accomplish

 the wonder of this twofold design:

 that, while the birth of children brings beauty to the world,

 their rebirth in baptism gives increase to the Church,

 through Christ our Lord.

 Through him, with the Angels and all the saints,

 we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

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.

*Please kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer during which the priest invites the people to proclaim the mystery of faith.*

Priest The mystery of faith

All We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

 and profess your Resurrection

 until you come again.

*The Eucharistic prayer concludes as follows*

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.

 The people acclaim:

All Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Please stand*

Priest At the Saviour’s command

 and formed by divine teaching,

 we dare to say:

All Our Father, who art in heaven,

 hallowed be thy name;

 thy kingdom come,

 thy will be done

 on earth as it is in heaven.

 Give us this day our daily bread,

 and forgive us our trespasses,

 as we forgive those who trespass against us;

 and lead us not into temptation,

 but deliver us from evil.

 Amen.

**Nuptial Blessing**

*Please remain standing as the bride and groom kneel for the Nuptial Blessing*

Priest Let us pray to the Lord for this bride and groom, who come to the altar as they begin their married life, that they may always be bound together by love for one another.

Priest Holy Father, maker of the whole world, who created man and woman in your own image and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing, we humbly beseech you for these your servants, who are joined today in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May your abundant blessing, Lord, come down upon this bride, Jennifer, and upon Richard, her companion for life, and may the power of your Holy Spirit set their hearts aflame from on high, so that, living out together the gift of Matrimony, they may adorn their family with children and enrich the Church.

In happiness may they praise you, O Lord, in sorrow may they seek you out; may they have the joy of your presence to assist them in their toil, and know that you are near to comfort them in their need; let them pray to you in the holy assembly and bear witness to you in the world, and after a happy old age, together with the circle of friends that surrounds them, may they come to the Kingdom of Heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And with your spirit.

Priest Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**Communion Rite**

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.

*Please kneel*

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.

**Communion**

*During the distribution of Holy Communion you are welcome to kneel or sit. The discipline of the Roman Catholic Church only allows Roman Catholics to receive Holy Communion. If you are not Catholic, or do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come forward for a blessing from the priest. Please indicate that you wish to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*

**Communion Hymn**

**Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand*

Priest By the power of this sacrifice, O Lord,

 accompany with your loving favour

 what in providence you have instituted,

 so as to make of one heart in love

 those you have already joined in this holy union

 Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen

**The Blessing**

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit

Priest May God the eternal Father

 keep you of one heart in love for one another,

 that the peace of Christ may dwell in you

 and abide 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 the needy

 who have known your kindness

 may one day receive you thankfully

 into the eternal dwelling of God.

All Amen.

Priest And 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.

**Signing of the Marriage Schedule**

*During the signing of the Marriage Schedule the cantor sings ‘Amazing Grace’. When the signing of the Marriage Schedule is completed…., followed by the wedding party, will process out of the Church. Please stand as they do so.*

**Recessional Hymn**

**Exit Music**