

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The bride and bridegroom and all present offer one another a sign expressing peace, communion and charity.

Marriage Reflection

Concluding Prayer:*The Priest says the Prayer after Communion:*

Blessing

Before blessing the people, the Priest gives the bride and bridegroom a special blessing. The Priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom, he says:

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 needy who have known your
kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the
eternal dwelling of God.

All: Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

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

All: Amen.

The couple sign the marriage registration form.

Recessional

Bridal Procession

Entrance hymn: ("Hymn title")

Greeting, Welcome & Introduction & Lighting of Symbolic Candles

The Priest greets and welcomes the bride and
bridegroom at the altar.

He questions them about their freedom to marry,
then if the couple are using candle ritual, they
light the two outside ones.

Liturgical Greeting

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

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Rite

The Priest invites the congregation to repent of
all sins.

Priest: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Priest: Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

Priest: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Gloria (Stand)

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.

Opening Prayer

Collect

Priest: Let us pray.
All pray in silence for a while.

Priest: O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, join, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love these your servants who are to be united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself.



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.

sisters, God's blessing upon this bride and groom, that in his kindness he may favour with his help those on whom he has bestowed the Sacrament of Matrimony.



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, (Bride),,, and upon (Groom), 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

The Sign of Peace

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

We ask you, Lord: make us one in your 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 and peace of our eternal home. Amen.

A hymn may be sung,

Prayer of the Faithful

Four or five of these intercessions may be included at this point.

Music may be played at this point.

Offertory Prayers

Eucharistic Prayer

Our Father

**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.**

The Nuptial Blessing *(The couple kneel for this blessing)*

Priest invites all to pray in silence for a while.

*Then the Priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom,
continues:*

Priest: Let us humbly invoke by our prayers, dear brothers and

First Reading

[*Insert here the selected text of the first reading*](#)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *(usually sung, otherwise said, with a Responsorial)*

[*Insert here the selected text of the Psalm*](#)

Second Reading

[*Insert here the selected text of the second reading*](#)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia (usually sung)

Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N..

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[*Insert here the selected text of the Gospel reading*](#)

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The celebrant speaks to the congregation.

Marriage Rite

All stand, including the bride and bridegroom, whom the Priest now addresses:

Priest: 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 for ever; it creates between them a bond that endures for life and cannot be broken; it demands that they love and honour each other, that they accept from God the children he may give them, and bring them up in his love. To help them in their marriage the husband and wife receive the life-long grace of the sacrament.

Priest: Is this your understanding of marriage?

Both: It is.

Exchange of Commitment

The Priest then invites the couple to declare their consent

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

Groom: N., do you consent to be my wife?

Bride: I do. Do you, N., consent to be my husband?

Groom: I do. I take you as my wife and I give myself to you as your husband.

Bride: I take you as my husband and I give myself to you as your wife.

They then hold hands and say together:

**to love each other truly
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
ll death do us part,
(or all the days of our life)**

Priest: 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 Rings

The Priest says this blessing:

Priest: Lord, bless N. and N. and consecrate their married life. May these rings be a symbol of their faith in each other, and a reminder of their love. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Exchange of Rings

The bridegroom places the bride's ring on her finger.

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.

The bride may place a ring on the bridegroom's finger.

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.

Lighting of Marriage Candle

The bride and groom now light the centre candle together. Sometimes it is followed by the prayer of the newly married couple.

Prayer of the Newly Married Couple

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.