MARRIAGE LITURGY / NO MASS

Opening Prayer

A1
Father, you have made the bond of Marriage a holy mystery, a symbol of Christ's love for His Church. Hear our prayers for Groom and Bride. With faith in you and in each other they pledge their love today. May their lives always bear witness to the reality of that love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A2
Father, hear our prayers for Groom and Bride, who today are united in marriage before your altar. Give them your blessing, and strengthen their love for each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A3
Almighty God, hear our prayers for Groom and Bride, who have come here today to be united in the sacrament of marriage. Increase their faith in you and in each other, and through them bless your Church with Christian children. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A4
Father, when you created humanity you willed that man and wife should be one. Bind Groom and Bride in the loving union of marriage; and make their love fruitful so that they may be living witnesses to your divine love in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Exchange of Consent/Wedding Vows

H1
Groom and Bride, you have come together in this church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the Church's minister and this community. Christ abundantly blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism and now he enriches and strengthens you by a special sacrament so that you may assume the duties of marriage in mutual and lasting fidelity. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

Not Baptized (Groom and Bride, you have come together in this church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the Church's minister and this community. In this way you will be strengthened to keep mutual and lasting fidelity with each other and to carry out the other duties of marriage. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.)

Groom and Bride, have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?

Will you love and honor each other as husband and wife for the rest of your lives?

Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, face each other, join your hands and declare your consent before God and his Church.

I, Groom, take you, Bride, to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

I, Bride, take you, Groom, to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

Or

Groom, do you take Bride to be your wife? Do you promise to be true to her in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love her and honor her all the days of your life? *I do.*

Bride, do you take Groom to be your husband? Do you promise to be true to him in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love him and honor him all the days of your life? *I do.*

You have declared your consent before the Church. May the Lord in his goodness strengthen your consent and fill you both with his blessings. What God has joined, no one must divide.

H2
I, Groom, take you, Bride, to be my wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

I, Bride, take you, Groom, to be my husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

Or

Groom, do you take Bride to be your wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do you part? *I do.*

Bride, do you take Groom to be your lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do you part? *I do.*

<u>Blessing and Exchange of Rings</u>

May the Lord bless + these rings which you give to each other as the sign of your love and fidelity.

I2
Lord, bless these rings which we bless + in your name. Grant that Groom and Bride who wear them may always have a deep faith in each other. May they do your will and always live together in peace, good will, and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I3
Lord, bless + and consecrate Groom and Bride In their love for each other. May these rings be a symbol of true faith in each other, and always remind them of their love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Bride, take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name...

Groom, take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name...

Lighting of Unity Candle

Groom and Bride, you have solemnly promised to share a new and holy life together. As a sign of your sacred promise, as a sign of your sacred unity, I now invite you to light the unity candle.

Intercessions

We have listened to the Word of God. We have seen God's presence in the marriage vows of Groom and Bride. Let us now ask God to hear our prayers for all of God's holy people.

J1
For Pope Benedict, Bishop Daniel Conlin, all the bishops and the clergy everywhere that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others, we pray to the Lord.

For our president and all leaders of government, that they may be effective in achieving peace and eliminating poverty, we pray to the Lord.

For married persons, that they may continue to give, be able to forgive and find happiness deepen with the passing of each day, we pray to the Lord.

For Groom and Bride, now beginning their life together, that they may have divine assistance at every moment, the constant support of friends, the rich blessing of children, a warm love reaching out to others and good health until a ripe old age, we pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged or oppressed, that they may be strengthened by God's help and aided by their friends, we pray to the Lord.

For those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of Groom and Bride and of all present for this wedding, that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

J2
For leaders of Church and State, for heads of institutions, for heads of homes and households, that they will lead us and guide us in the search for God and the good life, in the search for peace and joy, in the search for love among us, we pray to the Lord.

For all married people, for those who married yesterday, for the new couple, Groom and Bride, married today, for those who will marry tomorrow, that they may savor the joy of being together, warm love and children, a long life, wine and friends, and a new day, every day, we pray to the Lord.

For all young single people who look forward to a vocation full of life and full of love, we pray to the Lord.

For the lonely old and the lonely young, for the hungry rich and the hungry poor, for the sick in body, mind, and spirit, for weakness in all of us, we pray to the Lord.

For our relatives and friends who walk with us on life's journey and for those who have gone before us to the other side of life, for the fulfillment of all their unfulfilled desires, we pray to the Lord.

J3
For our Church, to keep the promise of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

For our world, to keep the promise of peace, we pray to the Lord.

For our country, to keep the promise of freedom, we pray to the Lord.

For our St. Philip the Apostle parish, to keep the promise of discipleship, we pray to the Lord.

For our hearts, to keep the promise of loving, we pray to the Lord.

For our hands, to keep the promise of giving, we pray to the Lord.

For our lives, to keep the promise of growing, we pray to the Lord.

For Groom and Bride, to keep the promise of marriage, we pray to the Lord.

O ever-living and caring God, consider our trusting faith, and in your great love grant these requests which we present to you through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Presentation of flowers to BVM

I now invite Groom and Bride to go to the shrine dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary and join their prayers with the prayers of Mary and each of us as they begin their new life as husband and wife.

Final Blessing

O1
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.

May (your children bless you,) your friends console you and all people live in peace with you.

May you always bear witness to the love of God in this world so that the afflicted and the needy will find in you generous friends, and welcome you into the joys of heaven.

O2
May God, the almighty Father, give you his joy and bless you (in your children).

May the only Son of God have mercy on you and help you in good times and in bad.

May the Holy Spirit of God always fill your hearts with his love.

O3
May the Lord Jesus, who was a guest at the wedding in Cana, bless you and your families and friends.

May Jesus, who loved his Church to the end, always fill your hearts with his love.

May he grant that, as you believe in his resurrection, so you may wait for him in joy and hope.

O4
May almighty God, with his Word of blessing, unite your hearts in the never-ending bond of pure love. May your children bring you happiness, and may your generous love for them be returned to you, many times over.

May the peace of Christ live always in your hearts and in your home. May you have true friends to stand by you, both in joy and in sorrow.

May you be ready and willing to help and comfort all who come to you in need. And may the blessings promised to the compassionate be yours in abundance.

May you find happiness and satisfaction in your work. May daily problems never cause you undue anxiety, nor the desire for earthly possessions dominate your lives. But may your hearts' first desire be always the good things waiting for you in the life of heaven.

May the Lord bless you with many happy years together, so that you may enjoy the rewards of a good life. And after you have served him loyally in his kingdom on earth, may he welcome you to his eternal kingdom in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*