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*Entrance Hymn:*

Here I am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin,

My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

*Liturgy of the Word:*

*1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:8*

But 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.

*Psalm 32:12. 18. 20-22*

*Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love.*

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,

the people he has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,

on those who hope in his love.

*Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

In him do our hearts find joy.

We trust in his holy name.

*Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love.*

May your love be upon us, 0 Lord,

as we place all our hope in you

*Response: The Lord fills the earth with his love.*

*Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16*

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

*Marriage Ceremony:*

*Exchange of consent*

*Exchange of rings*

*Presentation of the Gifts*

*Eucharistic Prayer*

*Our Father*

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*

Dear brothers and sisters,

let us humbly pray to the Lord

that on these his servants, now married in Christ,

he may mercifully pour out

the blessing of his grace

and make of one heart in love

by the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood

those he has joined by a holy covenant.

O God, who by your mighty power

created all things out of nothing,

and, when you had set in place

the beginnings of the universe,

formed man and woman in your own image,

making the woman an inseparable helpmate to the man,

that they might no longer be two, but one flesh,

and taught that what you were pleased to make one

must never be divided;

O God, who consecrated the bond of Marriage

by so great a mystery

that in the wedding covenant you foreshadowed

the Sacrament of Christ and his Church;

O God, by whom woman is joined to man

and the companionship they had in the beginning

is endowed with the one blessing

not forfeited by original sin

nor washed away by the flood.

Look now with favour on these your servants,

joined together in Marriage,

who ask to be strengthened by your blessing.

Send down on them the grace of the Holy Spirit

and pour your love into their hearts,

that they may remain faithful in the Marriage covenant.

May the grace of love and peace

abide in your daughter N.,

and let her always follow the example of those holy women

whose praises are sung in the Scriptures.

May her husband entrust his heart to her,

so that, acknowledging her as his equal

and his joint heir to the life of grace,

he may show her due honour

and cherish her always

with the love that Christ has for his Church.

And now, Lord, we implore you:

may these your servants

hold fast to the faith and keep your commandments;

made one in the flesh,

may they be blameless in all they do;

and with the strength that comes from the Gospel,

may they bear true witness to Christ before all;

(may they be blessed with children,

and prove themselves virtuous parents,

who live to see their children's children).

And grant that,

reaching at last together the fullness of years

for which they hope,

they may come to the life of the blessed

in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

*Response: Amen.*

*Communion*

*Final Blessing*

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.

*Response: Amen.*

May you be blessed in your children,

have solace in your friends

and enjoy true peace with everyone.

*Response: Amen.*

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.

*Response: Amen.*

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*Response: Amen.*