

Standard Wedding Readings

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

(Genesis 2:18-24)

The Lord God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him. "So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called 'woman, 'for out of 'her man' this one has been taken. "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Blessed are those who fear the Lord

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Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways! By the labor of your hands you shall eat. You will be blessed and prosper.

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Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; Your children like shoots of the olive. around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion: all the days of your life! May you see your children's children.

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New Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

(Revelation 19:1, 5-9a)

I, John, heard what sounded like the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying: "Alleluia! Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God. "A voice coming from the throne said: "Praise our God, all you his servants, and you who revere him, small and great." Then I heard something like the sound of a great multitude or the sound of rushing water or mighty peals of thunder, as they said: "Alleluia! The Lord has established his reign, our God, the almighty. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. For the wedding day of the Lamb has come, his bride has made herself ready. She was allowed to wear bright, clean linen garment." (The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.) Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb."

The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia Verse

God is love; Let us love one another, as God has loved us.

Gospel Reading

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

(Matthew 22:35-40)

One of the Pharisees, a scholar of the law, tested Jesus by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful

That these faithful Christians, _____ and _____, newly joined in Holy Matrimony, may always enjoy health and well-being,

Let us pray to the Lord.

That He will bless their covenant as He chose to sanctify marriage at Cana in Galilee,

Let us pray to the Lord.

That they be granted perfect and fruitful love, peace and strength, and that they bear faithful witness to the name of Christian

Let us pray to the Lord.

That the Christian people may grow in virtue day by day and that all who are burdened by any need may receive the help of grace from above,

Let us pray to the Lord.

That the grace of the Sacrament will be renewed by the Holy Spirit in all married persons here present,

Let us pray to the Lord.

For all members of our families who have passed from this world, and for all the departed, especially

Let us pray to the Lord