

RITE OF MATRIMONY SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Liturgy of the Word is celebrated in the usual manner for the Wedding Liturgy. There may be three readings, except in Rite III which suggests only one or two readings. The First Reading should be from the Old Testament, but during Easter Time, from the Book of Revelation.

At least one reading that explicitly speaks of Marriage must always be chosen. These readings are designated by an asterisk ().*

Old Testament Readings - Lectionary for Mass 801

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| 1 | Genesis 1:26-28, 31a * | Male and female he created them. |
| 2 | Genesis 2:18-24 * | The two of them become one body. |
| 3 | Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67 * | In his love for Rebekah, Isaac found solace after the death of his mother. |
| 4 | Tobit 7:6-14 * | May the Lord of heaven prosper you both. May he grant you mercy and peace. |
| 5 | Tobit 8:4b-8 * | Allow us to live together to a happy old age. |
| 6 | Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 * | The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. |
| 7 | Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a | Stern as death is love. |
| 8 | Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16*
(Vg: Sirach 26:1-4, 16-21) | Like the sun rising in the LORD's heaven, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home. |
| 9 | Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a | I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. |

New Testament Readings - Lectionary for Mass 802

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| 1 | Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 | What will separate us from the love of Christ? |
| 2 | Romans 12:1-2, 9-18 (long form)
Or 1-2, 9-13 (short form) | Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. |
| 3 | Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13 | Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you. |
| 4 | 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 | Your body is a temple of the Spirit. |
| 5 | 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a | If I do not have love, I gain nothing. |
| 6 | Ephesians 4:1-6 | One Body and one Spirit. |
| 7 | Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33 * (long form) or 5:2a, 25-32 * (short form) | This a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church. |
| 8 | Philippians 4:4-9 | The God of peace will be with you. |
| 9 | Colossians 3:12-17 | And over all these put on love, that is the bond of perfection. |
| 10 | Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b * | Let marriage be held in honor by all. |
| 11 | 1 Peter 3:1-9 * | Be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another. |
| 12 | 1 John 3:18-24 | Love in deed and in truth. |
| 13 | 1 John 4:7-12 | God is love. |
| 14 | Revelation 19:1, 5-9a | Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb. |

Gospel Lectionary for Mass – 805

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| 1 | Mathew 5:1-12a | Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. |
| 2 | Matthew 5:13-16 | You are the light of the world. |
| 3 | Matthew 7:21, 24-29 (long form) or
7:21, 24-25 (short form) | A wise man built his house on rock. |
| 4 | Matthew 19:3-6 * | What God has united, man must not separate. |
| 5 | Matthew 22:35-40 | This is the greatest and the first commandment.
The second is like it. |
| 6 | Mark 10:6-9 * | They are no longer two, but one flesh. |
| 7 | John 2:1-11 * | Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee. |
| 8 | John 15:9-12 | Remain in my love. |
| 9 | John 15:12-16 | This is my commandment: love one another. |
| 10 | John 17:20-26 (long form) or
17:20-23 (short form) | That they may be brought to perfection as one |

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Then God said:

“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,
the birds of the air, and the cattle,
and over all the wild animals
and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.”

God created man in his image;
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying:
"Be .fertile and multiply;
fill the earth and subdue it.

Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air,
and all the living things that move on the earth."

God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

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.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The servant of Abraham said to Laban "I bowed down in worship to the LORD, blessing the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. If, therefore, you have in mind to show true loyalty to my master, let me know; but if not, let me, know that, too. I can then proceed accordingly."

Laban and his household said in reply: "This thing comes from the LORD; we can say nothing to you either for or against it. Here is Rebekah, ready for you; take her with you, that she may become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has said."

So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Do you wish to go with this man?"

She answered, "I do." At this they allowed their sister Rebekah and her nurse to take leave, along with Abraham's servant and his men.

Invoking a blessing on Rebekah, they said:

"Sister, may you grow
into thousands of myriads;
And may your descendants gain possession
of the gates of their enemies!"

Then Rebekah and her maids started out; they mounted their camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and went on his way.

Meanwhile Isaac had gone from Beer-lahai-roi and was living in the region of the Negeb. One day toward evening he went out ... in the field, and as he looked around, he noticed that camels were approaching. Rebekah, too, was looking about, and when she saw him, she alighted from her camel and asked the servant, "Who is the man out there, walking through the fields toward us?" "That is my master," replied the servant. Then she covered herself with her veil.

The servant recounted to Isaac all the things he had done. Then Isaac took Rebekah into his tent; he married her, and thus she became his wife. In his love for her Isaac found solace after the death of his mother Sarah.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Tobit

Raphael and Tobiah entered the house of Raguel and greeted him. Raguel sprang up and kissed Tobiah, shedding tears of joy. But when he heard that Tobit had lost his eyesight, he was grieved and wept aloud. He said to Tobiah: "My child, God bless you! You are the son of a noble and good father. But what a terrible misfortune that such a righteous and charitable man should be afflicted with blindness!" He continued to weep in the arms of his kinsman Tobiah. His wife Edna also wept for Tobit; and even their daughter Sarah began to weep.

Afterward, Raguel slaughtered a ram from the flock and gave them a cordial reception. When they had bathed and reclined to eat, Tobiah said to Raphael, "Brother Azariah, ask Raguel to let me marry my kinswoman Sarah." Raguel overheard the words; so he said to the boy: "Eat and drink and be merry tonight, for no man is more entitled to marry my daughter Sarah than you, brother. Besides, not even I have the right to give her to anyone but you, because you are my closest relative. But I will explain the situation to you very frankly. I have given her in marriage to seven men, all of whom were kinsmen of ours, and all died on the very night they approached her. But now, son, eat and drink. I am sure the Lord will look after you both." Tobiah answered, "I will eat or drink nothing until you set aside what belongs to me."

Raguel said to him "I will do it. She is yours according to the decree of the Book of Moses. Your marriage to her has been decided in heaven! Take your kinswoman; from now on you are her love, and she is your beloved. She is yours today and ever after. And tonight, son, may the Lord of heaven prosper you both. May he grant you mercy and peace." Then Raguel called his daughter Sarah, and she came to him. He took her by the hand and gave her to Tobiah with the words: "Take her according to the law. According to the decree written in the Book of Moses she is your wife. Take her and bring her back safely to your father. And may the God of heaven grant both of you peace and

prosperity.” He then called her mother and told her to bring a scroll so that he might draw up a marriage contract stating that he gave Sarah to Tobiah as his wife according to the decree of the Mosaic law. Her mother brought the scroll, and he drew up the contract, to which they affixed their seals.

Afterward they began to eat and drink.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Tobit

On their wedding night Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife,
“Sister, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord
to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance.”
Sarah got up, and they started to pray
and beg that deliverance might be theirs.
They began with these words:

“Blessed are you, O God of our fathers;
praised be your name forever and ever.
Let the heavens and all your creation
praise you forever.
You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve
to be his help and support;
and from these two the human race descended.
You said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone;
let us make him a partner like himself.’
Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine
not because of lust,
but for a noble purpose.
Call down your mercy on me and on her,
and allow us to live together to a happy old age.”)

They said together, “Amen, amen.”

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far, beyond pearls.
Her husband; entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and makes cloth with skillful hands
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised
Give her a reward of her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Song of Songs

Hark! my lover—here he comes
springing across the mountains,
leaping across the hills.

My lover is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Here he stands behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
peering through the lattices.

My lover speaks; he says to me,
“Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one, and come!

“O my dove in the clefts of the rock,
in the secret recesses of the cliff,

Let me see you,
let me hear your voice,
For your voice is sweet,
and you are lovely.”

My lover belongs to me and I to him.
He says to me:

“Set me as a seal on your heart,
as a seal on your arm;
For stern as death is love,
relentless as the nether-world is divotion;
its flames are a blazing fire.
Deep waters cannot quench love,
nor floods sweep it away.”

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Blessed the husband of a good wife,
twice-lengthened are his days;
A worthy wife brings joy to her husband,
peaceful and full is his life.
A good wife is a generous gift.
bestowed upon him who fears the LORD;
Be he rich or poor, his heart is content,
and a smile is ever on his face

A gracious wife delights her husband,
her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones;
A gift from the LORD is her governed speech,
and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth.
Choicest of blessings is a modest wife,
priceless her chaste soul.
A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace;
indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul.
Like the sun rising in the LORD'S heavens,
the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.
It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers:
the day I took them by the hand
to lead them forth from the land of Egypt
But this is the covenant which I will make
with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.
I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how
to know the LORD.
All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD.

The-word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
What is good and pleasing and perfect.

Let love be sincere;
hate what is evil,
hold on to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection;
anticipate one another in showing honor.

Do not grow slack in zeal,
be fervent in spirit,
serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope,
endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer.

Contribute, to the needs of the holy ones,
exercise hospitality.

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Bless, those who persecute you,
bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep.

Have the same regard for one another;
do not be haughty but associate with the lowly;
do not be wise in your own estimation.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil;
be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all.
If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

We ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves;

let each of us please our neighbor for the good,
for building up.

For Christ did not please himself.

May the God of endurance and encouragement
grant you to think in harmony with one another,
in keeping with Christ Jesus,
that with one accord you may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord,
and the Lord is for the body;
God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

Avoid immorality.

Every other sin a person commits is outside the body,
but the immoral person sins against his own body.

Do you not know that your body
is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

For you have been purchased at a price.

Therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues

but do not have love,

I am a resounding gong or clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy

and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge,

if I have all faith so as to move mountains,

but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own,

and if I hand my body over so that I may boast

but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, is not pompous,

it is not inflated, it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick-tempered,

it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice

over wrongdoing

but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things

Love never fails.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

Live in love, as Christ loved us
and handed himself over for us.

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.
Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord.
For the husband is head of his wife
just as Christ is head of the Church,
he himself the savior of the body.
As the Church is subordinate to Christ,
so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything

Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ loved the Church
and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,
cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,
that he might present to himself the Church in splendor, without
spot or wrinkle or any such thing,
that she might be holy and without blemish.
So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.
He who loves his wife loves himself.
For no one hates his own flesh
but rather nourishes and cherishes it,
even as Christ does the Church,
because we are members of his Body.

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh.*

This is a great mystery,
but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.

In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself,
and the wife should respect her husband.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

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For no one hates his own flesh
but rather nourishes and cherishes it,
even as Christ does the Church,
because we are members of his Body.

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The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace⁴: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your heart,
the peace into which you were also called in one Body.
And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
With gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him

The word of the Lord

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

Let mutual love continue.

Do not neglect hospitality,

for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.

Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment,

and of the ill-treated as of yourselves,

for you also are in the body.

Let marriage be honored among all

and the marriage bed be kept undefiled.

Let your life be free from love of money

but be content with what you have,

for he has said, *I will never forsake you or abandon you.*

Thus we may say with confidence:

*The Lord is my helper,
and I will not be afraid.*

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved:

You wives should be subordinate to your husbands so that,
even if some disobey the word,
they, may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct
when they observe your reverent and chaste behavior.

Your adornment should not be an external one:
braiding the hair, wearing gold jewelry, or dressing in fine clothes,
but rather the hidden character of the heart,
expressed in the imperishable beauty
of a gentle and calm disposition,
which is precious in the sight of God.

For this is also how the holy women who hoped in God
once used to adorn themselves
and were subordinate to their husbands;
thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him "lord."

You are her children when you do what is good
and fear no intimidation

Likewise, you husbands should live with your wives in understanding,
showing honor to the weaker female sex,
since we are joint heirs of the gift of life,
so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic,
loving toward one another, compassionate, humble

Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult,
but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called,
that you might inherit a blessing

The word of the Lord

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth
and reassure our hearts before him
in whatever our hearts condemn,
for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence in God
and receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us
is from the Spirit that he gave us.

The word of the Lord

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.
In this way the love of God was revealed to us:
God sent his only-begotten Son into the world
so that we might have life through him.
In this is love
not that we have loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins
Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also must love one another.
No one has ever seen God.
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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
a 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.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything

but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;

it is set on a lamp stand,

where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds

and glorify your heavenly Father."

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“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’
will enter the Kingdom of heaven,
but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be
like a wise man who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came,
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.
But it did not collapse, it had been set solidly on rock

And everyone who listens to these words of mine
but does not act on them
will be like a fool who built his house on sand.

The rain fell, the floods came,
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.
And it collapsed and was completely ruined”.

When Jesus finished these words,
the crowds were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having: authority,
and not as their scribes

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying,

“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?”

He said in reply, “Have you not read that from the beginning

the Creator *made them male and female and said,*

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother

and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?

So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate.”

The Gospel of the Lord

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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.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said:

“From the beginning of creation

God made them male and female.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife,

and the two shall become one flesh.

So they are no longer two but one flesh.

Therefore what God has joined together,
no human being must separate.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.
Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.
When the wine ran short,
the mother of Jesus said to him,
"They have no wine."
And Jesus said to her,
"Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come."
His mother said to the servers,
"Do whatever he tells you"
Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial
washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons.
Jesus told them,
"Fill the jars with water"
So they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them,
"Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."
So they took it.
And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,
without knowing where it came from
(although the servants who had drawn the water knew),
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,
"Everyone serves good wine first,
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;
but you have kept the good wine until now."
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

“I have told you this so that my joy might be in you
and your, joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this,

to lay down one's life for one's friends

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves,

because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,

because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you

and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,

so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you”

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

“I pray not only for my disciples,
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
so that they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us,
that the world may believe that you sent me.

And I have given them the glory you gave me,
so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you loved me.

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that they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you loved me.

Father, they are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me,
that they may see my glory that you gave me,
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,
but I know you, and they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name and I will make it known,
that the love with which you loved me
may be in them and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

RITE OF MATRIMONY

MUSIC SELECTION SUGGESTIONS

HYMNS

Title	Composer	Publisher
A Blessing	James V. Marchionda	WLP
A Litany of Love	Tony Alonso	GIA
A New Commandment	Steven R. Janco	WLP
A New Commandment I Give to You	Psallite	LTP
A Nuptial Blessing/ <i>Una Bendición Nupcial</i>	Vicki Klima, Michael Joncas	GIA
Amar	Traditional	OCP
An Irish Blessing	Steven C. Warner	WLP
As a Bridegroom Rejoices	Psallite	LTP
Behold, the Bridegroom is Here	Psallite	LTP
Blest Are They	David Haas	GIA
Celebrating Years	Alan J. Hommerding	WLP
Center of My Life	Paul Inwood	OCP
Christians, Let Us Love One Another	Claudia Foltz, Armand Nigro	OCP
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life	R. V. Williams, G. Herbert	Pub. Domain
Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord / <i>Sáclanos con Tu Amor</i>	Psallite	LTP
For the Beauty of the Earth	Folliott S. Pierpoint	Pub. Domain
Gather Us Together	Laurence Rosania	OCP
Gathered in the Love of Christ	Marty Haugen	GIA
God is Love	Timothy Rees	HPC
God is Love	David Haas	GIA
God is Love	Michael Joncas	OCP
God Is Love: A Wedding/Anniversary Processional	Alan J. Hommerding	WLP
God of Love, Embrace Your People	James J. Chepponis	GIA
God Who Created Hearts to Love	M.D. Ridge	OCP
God, in the Planning and Purpose of Life / <i>Dios al Forjar la Razón de Vivir</i>	John Bell	Iona/GIA
God's Love Is Revealed to Us	Psallite	LTP
Hear Us Now, Our God and Father	Rowland H. Prichard, Harry N. Nuxhold, John Newton	Augsburg Fortress
How Happy Are Those who Love with All Their Heart / <i>Dichosos Los que Aman de Todo Corazón</i>	Psallite	LTP
How Happy You Who Fear the Lord	American Folk Hymn, O. Westendorf	WLP
I Have Loved You	Michael Joncas	OCP
In Love We Choose to Live	Jeanne Cotter	GIA
In Perfect Charity	Randall DeBruyn	OCP
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You	Van Dyke/ Beethoven	Pub. Domain
Let's Praise the Creator	Shirley Erena Murray	HPC
Like Olive Branches	Lucien Diess	WLP
Live on in My Love / <i>Viven en Mi Amor</i>	Psallite	LTP
Lives Brought Together	Dan Schutte	OCP
Lord, Your Love Has Drawn Us Near	Stephen Dean	OCP
Love Bears All Things / <i>El Amor Soporta Todo</i>	Psallite	LTP
Love Divine, All Love's Excelling	Rowland H. Prichard, Ch. Wesley	Pub. Domain
Love Has Brought Us Here Together	Mary Louise Bringle	GIA
Love Is the Sunlight	Borghild Jacobson	CPH
Love One Another	Feargal King	WLP
Love Which Never Ends	Ernest Sands	OCP
Make Us Your Own	Deanna Light, Paul A. Tate	WLP
May God Bless and Keep You	Christopher Walker	OCP
May God Bless You	George Van Grieken	OCP
May Love Be Ours	T. Dudley-Smith, Stephen Dean	HPC/OCP
May Love Be Ours	T. Dudley-Smith, Dan Schutte	OCP
May the Light of Christ	James Chepponis	GIA

Merciful and Tender, Faithful is the Lord / <i>Clemente y Bondadoso, Fiel es el Señor</i>	Psallite	LTP
No Greater Love	Michael Joncas	GIA
O Blest Are Those	Paul Inwood	OCP
O Perfect Love	Joseph Barnby, Dorothy B. Gurney	Pub. Domain
Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts	Steven C. Warner	WLP
Spirit of God	Bernadette Farrell	OCP
Taste and See	Bob Hurd	OCP
The Greatest Gift	James V. Marchionda	WLP
The Greatest Of These Is Love	M.D. Ridge	OCP
The Servant Song	Richard Gillard	BBP
The Summons	John Bell	GIA
This Is a Miracle-Moment	John Thornburg	GIA
Today We Celebrate	Jaime Cortez	OCP
Two Lives Become One	Paul Inwood	GIA
Ubi Caritas	Jacques Berthier/Taize	GIA
Ubi Caritas	Bob Hurd	OCP
Ubi Caritas	Laurence Rosania	OCP
Ubi Caritas	Chant, Mode VI	Pub. Domain
Ubi Caritas	Nicholas Palmer	OCP
We Bring God's Holy Love	Rose Weber	WLP
We Will Serve the Lord	David Haas	GIA
We Will Serve the Lord	Rory Cooney	GIA
When Love is Found/ <i>Hallar Amor - ¡Qué Bendición!</i>	Brian Wren	HPC
Where Charity and Love Prevail	Paul Benoit/Omer Westendorf	WLP
Where Love is Found	Dan Schutte	OCP
Where There is Love	David Haas	OCP
Where You Go	Bob Hurd	OCP
Wherever You Go	David Haas	GIA
Wherever You Go / <i>Adonde Tú Vayas</i>	Gregory Norbet / Weston Priory	Weston Priory
Your Love, O Lord	A. Hommerding / Edward Eicker	WLP
Where Charity and Love Abound/ <i>Donde Hay Amor Y Caridad</i>	Pedro Rubalcava	OCP
<i>Yo Canto Amor</i>	Coralía Busquets	OCP

PSALMS

Psalm	Title	Composer	Publisher
33	The Earth is Full of the Goodness of the Lord	Tony Alonso	GIA
33	<i>La Misericordia del Señor</i> - The Earth is Full	Mary Frances Reza	WLP
33	Let Your Mercy Be on Us/ <i>Señor Que Tu Misericordia</i> (Ant. II)	Marty Haugen	GIA
33	The Earth is Full of Beauty	Jeanne Cotter, David Haas	GIA
33	The Earth is Full of the Goodness of the Lord	Richard Rice	CCW
33	The Earth is Full of the Goodness of the Lord	Jeff Ostrowski	CCW
34	I Will Bless the Lord	Michael Joncas	GIA
34	<i>Gustan y Vean</i> /Taste and See	Pedro Rubalcava	WLP
34	<i>Gustan y Vean</i> /Taste and See	Al Valverde	WLP
34	Taste and See/ <i>Gustan y Vean</i>	Marty Haugen	GIA
34	The Goodness of God	Jeanne Cotter, David Haas	GIA
34	I Will Bless the Lord	Jeff Ostrowski	CCW
34	I Will Bless the Lord	Royce Nickel	CCW
34	I Will Bless the Lord	Richard Royce	CCW
34	I Will Bless the Lord	Sam Schmidt	CCW
34	Taste and See	Jeff Ostrowski	CCW
34	Taste and See	Royce Nickel	CCW
34	Taste and See	Brian Michael Page	CCW
34	Taste and See	Richard Rice	CCW
34	Taste and See	Arlene Oost-Zinner	CCW
34	Taste and See	Richard Rice	CCW

34	Taste and See	Aristotle Esguerra	CCW
34	Taste and See	Sam Schmitt	CCW
103	The Lord is Kind and Merciful	Michael Joncas	OCP
103	The Lord is Kind and Merciful/ <i>El Señor Es Compasivo</i>	Tony Alonso	GIA
103	<i>El Señor Es Compasivo</i> /The Lord is Rich in Kindness	Peter Kolar	WLP
103	The Lord is Kind and Merciful/ <i>El Señor Es Compasivo</i>	Marty Haugen	GIA
103	The Lord is Kind and Merciful	Jeanne Cotter, David Haas	GIA
103	The Lord is Kind and Merciful	Richard Rice	CCW
112	God's Command	Jeanne Cotter, David Haas	GIA
112	Blessed the Man Who Greatly Delights in the Lord's Commands	Jeff Ostrowski	CCW
128	Blest Are Those Who Love You/ <i>Dichosos Los Que Te Aman</i>	Marty Haugen	GIA
128	Happy Are They Who Honor the Lord	Jeanne Cotter, David Haas	GIA
128	Blessed Are Those Who Fear the Lord	Jeff Ostrowski	CCW
128	Blessed Are Those Who Fear the Lord	Royce Nickel	CCW
128	Blessed Are Those Who Fear the Lord	Richard Rice	CCW
128	Blessed Are Those Who Fear the Lord	Sam Schmitt	CCW
128	Blessed Are Those Who Fear the Lord	Arlene Oost-Zinner	CCW
128	Blessed Are Those Who Fear the Lord	Fr. Jeffrey Keyes	CCW
128	Blessed Are Those Who Fear the Lord	Aurelio Porfiri	CCW
128	May the Lord Bless Us	Tony Alonso	GIA
128	Blessed Are Those Who Fear the Lord	Tony Alonso	GIA
145	Our God is Compassion	Jeanne Cotter, David Haas	GIA
145	The Lord is Compassionate Toward All His Works	Jeff Ostrowski	CCW
145	The Lord is Compassionate Toward All His Works	Richard Rice	CCW
148	Let All Praise the Name of the Lord	Jeanne Cotter, David Haas	GIA
148	Let All Praise the Name of the Lord	Jeff Ostrowski	CCW
148	Let All Praise the Name of the Lord	Richard Rice	CCW

INSTRUMENTALS

Title	Composer
Agincourt Hymn	John Dunstable
Air from Suite in D	J.S. Bach
Air in F (Water Music)	G.F. Handel
Allegro Maestoso (Water Music)	G.F. Handel
Canon in D	Pachelbel
Chaconne in G Minor	L. Couperin
Crown Imperial March	William Walton
Finale (Symphony I)	Louis Vierne
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	J.S. Bach
Jupiter Theme (The Planets) THAXTED	Gustav Holst
Largo	G.F. Handel
Now Thank We All Our God	J.S. Bach
Nun danket alle Gott	Sigfried Karg-Elert
Ode to Joy	Ludwig von Beethoven
Prelude (Te Deum)	Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Procession Alegre	Gary Cornell
Psalm XIX - The Heaven's Declare	Benedetto Marcello
Rigadon	André Campre
Rondeau	Jean Joseph Mouret
St. Anthony Chorale	Haydn/Brahms
The Rejoicing (La Rejoissance)	G.F. Handel
Toccata (Symphony V)	Charles-Marie Widor
Trumpet Tune in C	David Johnson
Trumpet Tune in D	David Johnson
Trumpet Tune	Henry Purcell
Trumpet Voluntary (Prince of Denmark)	Jeremiah Clarke
Trumpet Voluntary	John Stanley

COLLECTIONS

Title	Composer/Editor/Arranger	Publisher
A Practical Organ Album: Music for Weddings, Funerals, and Everyday Use	ed. Colin Hand	Kevin Mayhew
Music for the Four Seasons	Antonio Vivaldi	MorningStar
One in Love and Peace: Wedding Music for Piano, Organ, and Optional Instruments	arr. Bob Moore, Kelly Dobbs Mickus	GIA
The Classical Wedding for Solo Trumpet and Organ	arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace, John Head	HPC
The Complete Traditional Wedding Album for Organ, Keyboard, and Voice	ed. R. Smith	Dover
The Diane Bish Wedding Book - Service Music for Organ	Diane Bish	Hal Leonard
The Joyous Wedding for Solo Trumpet and Organ	arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace, John Head	HPC
The Organ Wedding Album	ed. Martin Bartsch	Barenreiter
The Oxford Book of Wedding Music		OUP
Wedding Music, Book 1 and 2	ed. David Johnson	Augsburg
Wedding Music, Part 1		Concordia

ABBREVIATIONS

CPH = Concordia Publishing House

HPC = Hope Publishing Company

BBP = Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishers

LTP = Liturgical Press

CCW = <http://www.ccwatershed.org/chabanel/>

OUP = Oxford University Press

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