

CHURCH OF STS. PETER & PAUL, SINGAPORE

# THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE DURING MASS

FORM A

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## RITE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE DURING MASS

Whenever Marriage is celebrated during Mass, this Ritual Mass is used, with the colour white or a festive colour.

However, on those days listed in nos. 1-4 of the Table of Liturgical Days, the Mass of the day is used, retaining the Nuptial Blessing in the Mass and, if appropriate, the proper formula for the final blessing.

If however, during Christmas Time and Ordinary Time, the parish community participates in a Sunday Mass during which Marriage is celebrated, the Mass of the Sunday is used.

Although complete Mass formularies are given here for the sake of convenience, all texts, especially the prayers and the Nuptial Blessing, may be exchanged, if appropriate, with others.

At the appointed time, the priest, vested for Mass, goes with the ministers to the door of the church or, if more suitable, to the altar. There he greets the bride and bridegroom in a friendly manner, showing that the Church shares their joy.

Where it is desirable that the Rite of Welcome be omitted, the celebration of marriage begins at once with the Mass (Rite of Marriage No. 19).

If there is a procession to the altar, the ministers go first, followed by the priest, and then the bride and bridegroom. According to local custom, they may be escorted by at least their parents and the two witnesses. Meanwhile, the entrance song is sung (Rite of Marriage No. 20).

When the priest comes to the altar, he makes the customary reverence with the ministers, kisses the altar, and (if incense is used) incenses it. Then with the ministers, he goes to the chair (Mass with a Congregation No. 2).

## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

[Insert Entrance Hymn here]

## **COUPLE'S APPRECIATION**

[Insert Notice of Appreciation here]

## SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE REGISTER

### MARIAN ANTHEM

*SALVE REGINA, Simple Tone*

v  
S Alve Re-gí-na, \* ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-æ, Vi-ta, dul-  
cé-do, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamá-mus, éxsu-  
les, fí-li- i Hevæ. Ad te suspi-rá-mus, geméntes et flen-  
tes in hac lacrimá-rum valle. E-ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta  
nostra, illos tu- os mi-se-ri-córdes ó-cu-los ad nos con-  
vér-te. Et Je-sum, be-ne-díctum fructum ventris tu- i,  
no-bis post hoc exsí- li- um osténde. O cle- mens:  
O pi- a: O dulcis Virgo Ma- rí- a.

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Ant.** May the Lord send you help from the holy place,  
and give you support from Sion.  
May he grant you your hearts' desire  
and fulfil every one of your designs.  
(Easter Time: Alleluia, alleluia.)

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,  
who walk in his ways! You are blessed and it shall be well with you.

May the Lord bless you from Sion, all the days of your life; and may you see  
your children's children. Peace be on Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

When the Entrance Antiphon is concluded, the Priest and the Faithful, standing, sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, while the Priest, facing the people, says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**

Then the priest, facing the people, extends his hands and greets all present with the following greeting:

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

**R. And with your spirit.**

The Penitential Act is omitted.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

V  
**G** Ló-ri- a in excélsis De- o. Et in terra pax homí-  
 ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá- tis. Laudá- mus te. Bene-dí- cimus  
 te. Ado- rá- mus te. Glo- ri- fi- cá- mus te. Grá- ti- as á- gi- mus  
 ti- bi propter magnam gló- ri- am tu- am. Dómi- ne De- us,  
 Rex cæ- lé- stis, De- us Pa- ter omní- pot- ens. Dómi- ne Fi- li  
 u- ni- gé- ni- te, Je- su Chri- ste. Dómi- ne De- us, Agnus  
 De- i, Fí- li- us Pa- tris. Qui tollis peccá- ta mun- di, mi- se-  
 ré- re no- bis. Qui tollis peccá- ta mundi, sú- sci- pe depre-

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By the power of this sacrifice, O Lord,  
 accompany with your loving favour  
 what in your providence you have instituted,  
 so as to make of one heart in love  
 those you have already joined in this holy union  
 (and replenished with the one Bread and the one Chalice).  
 Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

## SOLEMN BLESSING AT THE END OF MASS

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.  
**R. Amen.**

May you be blessed in your children,  
 have solace in your friends  
 and enjoy true peace with everyone.  
**R. 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.  
**R. Amen.**

And may almighty God bless all of you,  
 who are gathered here,  
 the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Ant.** Behold, thus shall every man be blest who fears the Lord;  
and may you see your childrens' children;  
peace upon Israel  
(Easter Time: Alleluia.)

For you shall eat the labours of your hands:  
blessed are you and it shall be well with you.  
Your wife as a fruitful vine on the sides of your house.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise shall be always in my mouth.  
O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us extol his name together.

O Taste and see that the Lord is good,  
blessed the man who hopes in him.  
The Lord is close to those of a contrite heart,  
and he will save the humble of spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

ca-ti- ónem no-stram. Qui sedes ad dèxte-ram Pa-tris, mi-  
se-ré-re no-bis. Quó-ni- am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus  
Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Altíssimus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum San-  
cto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri- a De- i Pa- tris. A- men.

### GLORIA

Glória in excélsis Deo, et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis. Laudámus te. Benedícimus te. Adorámus te. Glorificámus te. Grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam. Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Dómine Fili unigénite, Jesu Christe. Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecatió-nem nostram. Qui sedes ad dèxteram Patris, miserére nobis. Quóniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dóminus. Tu solus Altíssimus, Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spíritu, ✠ in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high. And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We adore Thee. We glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory. Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father Almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Thou Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art Lord. Thou alone, O Jesus Christ, art most high. With the Holy Spirit, ✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord,  
and in your kindness uphold what you have established  
for the increase of the human race,  
so that the union you have created  
may be kept safe by your assistance.  
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.

**R. Amen.**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: miserére nobis. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: miserére nobis. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: dona nobis pacem. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** **Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

The prayer “Lord Jesus Christ” is omitted, and “The peace of the Lord” is said immediately.

Then the bride and bridegroom and all present offer one another a sign, in keeping with local customs, that expresses peace, communion and charity.

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

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

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

## LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

VI



**A** - gnus De- i, \*qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di: mi-se-  
ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \*qui tol- lis peccá-ta  
mun-di: mi-se-ré- re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \*qui tol-lis  
peccá-ta mun-di: dona no- bis pa- cem.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

1:26-28, 31a

God said, “Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.”

God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.”

God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32

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

1. 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. (R)
2. 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. (R)
3. May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (R)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

12:1-2. 9-18

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.

Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers should, and have a profound respect for each other.

Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

Bless those who persecute you: never curse them, bless them. Rejoice with those who rejoice and be sad with those in sorrow. Treat everyone with equal kindness; never be condescending but make real friends with the poor. Do not allow yourself to become self-satisfied. Never repay evil with evil but let everyone see that you are interested only in the highest ideals. Do all you can to live at peace with everyone.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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 home,  
they may come to the life of the blessed  
in the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

## NUPTIAL BLESSING

After the Our Father, the prayer Deliver us is omitted. The Priest, standing and facing the bride and bridegroom, invokes upon them God's blessing, and this is never omitted.

In the invitation, if one or both of the spouses will not be receiving Communion, the words in parentheses are omitted.

In the prayer, the words in parentheses may be omitted if it seems that circumstances suggest it, for example, if the bride and bridegroom are advanced in years.

The bride and bridegroom approach the altar or, if appropriate, they remain at their place and kneel.

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.

**All pray in silence for a while.**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew **5:1-12**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY

## RITE OF MARRIAGE

### STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS

All stand, including the bride and bridegroom, and the priest addresses them in these or similar words:

**Priest:** My dear friends, 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.

(on Freedom of Choice)

**Priest:** **N.** and **N.**, have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?  
(the appropriate response would be: "Yes, I have.")

(on Faithfulness to each other)

**Priest:** Will you love and honour each other as man and wife for the rest of your lives?  
(the appropriate response would be: "Yes, I will.")

The following question may be omitted if, for example, the couple is advanced in years.

(on the Acceptance and upbringing of children)

**Priest:** Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?  
(the appropriate response would be: "Yes, I will.")

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**P** A-ter nos-ter, qui es in cæ-lis: sancti-fi-cé-tur  
no-men tu-um; advé-ni-at regnum tu-um; fi-at vo-lún-  
tas tu-a, sic-ut in cæ-lo, et in terra. Panem nostrum  
† co-ti-di-á-num da no-bis hó-di-e; et dimítte no-bis  
dé-bi-ta nostra, sic-ut et nos di-mít-timus de-bi-tó-ri-bus  
nostris; et ne nos indú-cas in tenta-ti-ó-nem; sed  
lí-be-ra nos a ma-lo.



Pater noster, qui es in cælis: Sanctificétur nomen tuum: Advéniat regnum tuum: Fiat volúntas tua, sicut in cælo, et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidíánum da nobis hódie: Et dimítte nobis débita nostra, sicut et nos dimítimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem.

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.

**Priest:**

Therefore, as we celebrate  
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,  
we offer you, Lord,  
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,  
giving thanks that you have held us worthy  
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray  
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,  
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with **N.** our Pope and **N.** our Bishop  
and all the clergy.

Be mindful also, Lord, of **N.** and **N.**,  
whom you have brought to their wedding day,  
so that by your grace  
they may abide in mutual love and in peace.

Remember also our brothers and sisters  
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,  
and all who have died in your mercy:  
welcome them into the light of your face.  
Have mercy on us all, we pray,  
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with the blessed Apostles,  
and all the Saints who have pleased you  
throughout the ages,  
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,  
and may praise and glorify you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

**CONSENT**

The priest invites the couple to declare their consent:

**Priest:** Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your right hands,  
and declare your consent before God and his Church.

(The couple join hands.)

**Bridegroom:** I, **N.**, take you, **N.**, 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 honour you all the days of my life.

**Bride:** I, **N.**, take you, **N.**, 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 honour you all the days of my life.

(Receiving their consent,)

**Priest:** 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, men must not divide.

**All: Amen.**

## BLESSING OF RINGS

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

**All:** Amen.

## EXCHANGE OF RINGS

(The Bridegroom places his wife's ring on her ring finger. He may say,)

**Bridegroom:** N., take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(The Bride places her husband's ring on his ring finger. She may say,)

**Bride:** N., take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

**Priest:**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,  
so that they may become for us  
the Body and + Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed  
and entered willingly into his Passion,  
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice  
and, once more giving thanks,  
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.

**All:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

VI  
**S** An- ctus, \* Sanctus, San- ctus Dó- mi-nus  
 De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ- li et  
 ter- ra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho-sánna in excél- sis.  
 Bene-dí- ctus qui ve- nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni.  
 Ho-sán- na in excél- sis.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dómi-  
 nus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt cæli  
 et terra glória tua. Hosánna in  
 excélsis.

✠ Benedíctus qui venit in nómine  
 Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of  
 Hosts. Heaven and earth are full  
 of Thy Glory. Hosanna in the  
 highest.

✠ Blessed is He Who cometh in  
 the Name of the Lord. Hosanna  
 in the highest.

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The general intercessions follow, using formulas approved by the Conference of Bishops.

**Priest:** Let us pray to God the Father who has called this young couple to a new state of life:

1. That **N.** and **N.** (they) may persevere in love, maintain their resolve to support each other and come together to an ever greater knowledge of God: let us pray.

**Response:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. For all married couples present here, that they may renew their commitment to love and to share with the world the mystery of God's friendship: let us pray. (R)
3. For God's holy people, that through this celebration we all may grow in our desire to serve and love the world: let us pray. (R)
4. That the world we live in and are called to serve may be enlivened by the presence of God shown forth in the love of men and women: let us pray. (R)
5. For ourselves united here in God's name, that the Word of God may sustain us all in our vocation to love: let us pray. (R)

(The couple may wish to compose personalized prayers that may minister to the guests present. The presider or Liturgy Co-ordinator may assist the couple with the composition of these prayers.)

**Priest:** Let us pray.  
 O God, from whom all love derives, help this young couple in their responsibility of building up a new Christian family. We ask you this, through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen.**

## OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

**Ant.** In you, O Lord, I have placed my hope;  
I said, You are my God,  
my times are in your hands.  
(Easter Time: Alleluia.)

Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, the God of truth.

Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your kindness.

How great and rich is your sweetness, Lord,  
which you laid up for those who fear you.

Love the Lord, all you his faithful ones.  
The Lord keeps those who are constant.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, we pray, O Lord,  
the offering made on the occasion  
of this sealing of the sacred bond of Marriage,  
and, just as your goodness is its origin,  
may your providence guide its course.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R.** Amen.

## PREFACE

**V.** The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

**V.** Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the**

**Lord.**

**V.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

Form A

(The dignity of the marriage covenant)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you have forged the covenant of marriage  
as a sweet yoke of harmony and an unbreakable bond of peace,  
so that the chaste and fruitful love of holy Matrimony  
may serve to increase the children you adopt as your own.

By your providence and grace, O Lord,  
you accomplish the wonder of this twofold design:  
that, while the birth of children brings beauty to the world,  
their rebirth in Baptism gives increase to the Church,  
through Christ our Lord.

Through him, with the Angels and all the Saints,  
we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim: