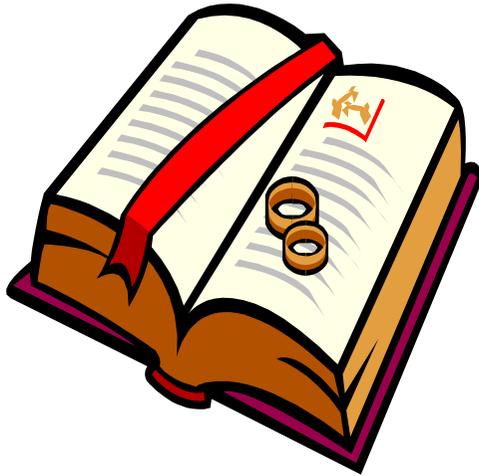


# Liturgies for Weddings



Church of the Sacred Heart,  
Ferrybank

# Ferrybank Parish

## Introduction

*This book contains all the relevant readings which can be used for the celebration of a Wedding Mass.*

*In choosing your readings please choose one reading from each of the following sections;*

- 1. The Old Testament*
- 2. A Responsorial Psalm*
- 3. The New Testament*
- 4. Alleluia Verse to read before the Gospel*

*You can also use the section on Prayers of the faithful as a guide to help you in writing your own prayers or as the prayers for the Wedding Mass.*

## Old Testament Readings

### *READING 1*

#### **A reading from the Book of Genesis**

(1:26-28.31)

Then God said:

‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’

So God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

#### **The word of the Lord**

**READING 2**

**A reading from the Book of Genesis**

(2 :18-24)

Then the Lord God said:

‘It is not good that the man should be alone;

I will make him a helper as his partner.’

So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

The man gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept,

he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

And the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Then the man said:

‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**The word of the Lord**

***READING 3***

**A reading from the book of Tobit**

(8: 4-9)

Tobias got out of bed and said to Sarah,  
'Sister, get up, and let us pray and implore our Lord  
that he grant us mercy and safety.'

So she got up, and they began to pray  
that they might be kept safe.

Tobias began by saying:

'Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors,  
and blessed is your name in all generations forever.  
Let the heavens and the whole creation bless you forever.

You made Adam, and for him you made his wife Eve  
as a helper and support.

From the two of them the human race has sprung.

You said: "It's not good that the man should be alone;  
Let us make a helper for him like himself."

I now am taking this kinswoman of mine,  
not because of lust, but with sincerity.

Grant that she and I may find mercy  
and that we may grow old together.'

And they both said, 'Amen, Amen.'

**The word of the Lord**

***READING 4***

**A reading from the book of Sirach**

(6:6-12.14-15)

Let those who are friendly with you be many,  
but let your advisers be one in a thousand.  
When you gain friends, gain them through testing,  
and do not trust them hastily.  
For there are friends who are such when it suits them,  
but they will not stand by you in time of trouble.  
And there are friends who change into enemies,  
and tell of the quarrel to your disgrace.  
And there are friends who sit at your table,  
but they will not stand by you in time of trouble.  
When you are prosperous,  
they become your second self, and lord it over your servants;  
but if you are brought low,  
they turn against you, and hide themselves from you.  
Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter:  
whoever finds one has found a treasure.  
Faithful friends are beyond price;  
No amount can balance their worth.

**The word of the Lord**

***READING 5***

**A reading from the Song of Songs**

(2:10-14.16;8:6-7)

My beloved speaks and says to me:  
‘Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;  
for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the truth-dove is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
Let me see your face,  
let me hear your voice;  
for your voice is sweet,  
and your face is lovely.’  
My beloved is mine and I am his.  
He said to me:  
‘Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm;  
for love is strong as death.  
Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can floods drown it.  
If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house,  
it would be utterly scorned.’

**The word of the Lord**

***READING 6***

**A reading from the book of Ruth**

(1:16-17)

Ruth said:

‘Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you.  
Where you go, I will go;  
Where you live, I will live.  
Your people will be my people,  
and your God will be my God.  
Where you die, I will die,  
and there I will be buried.  
I solemnly declare before the Lord  
that nothing but death will part me from you.’

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

### *RESPONSORIAL PSALM 1*

Ps 144 (145) : 8-11, 14, 17-18

**R/** *The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**
  
2. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. **R/**
  
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R/**

***RESPONSORIAL PSALM 2***

Ps 120 (121) : 1-8

**R/** *My help shall come from the Lord who  
made heaven and earth.*

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth. **R/**
  
2. May he never allow you to stumble.  
Let him sleep not your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. **R/**
  
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night. **R/**
  
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and forever. **R/**



***RESPONSORIAL PSALM 4***

*Ps 99 (100) : 1-5*

**R/**    *The Lord is faithful from age to age.*

1.    Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
      Serve the Lord with gladness.  
      Come before him, singing for joy.                    **R/**
  
2.    Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
      He made us, we belong to him,  
      we are his people, the sheep of his flock.            **R/**
  
3.    Go within his gates, giving thanks.  
      Enter his courts with songs of praise.  
      Give thanks to him and bless his name.            **R/**
  
4.    Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
      eternal his merciful love.  
      He is faithful from age to age.                    **R/**

***RESPONSORIAL PSALM 5***

Ps 91 (92) : 2-6, 13-16k

**R/** *It is good to give thanks to the Lord.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R/**
  
2. Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad;  
for the work of your hands I shout with joy.  
O Lord, how great are your works,  
how deep are your designs. **R/**
  
3. The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.  
Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God. **R/**
  
4. Still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just;  
in him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R/**

***RESPONSORIAL PSALM 6***

Ps 32 (33) : 12-15, 18-22

**R/** *May your love be upon us O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.*

1. They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own.  
From the heavens the Lord looks forth,  
he sees all the children of men. **R/**
  
2. From the place where he dwells he gazes  
on all the dwellers on the earth,  
he who shapes the hearts of them all  
and considers all their deeds. **R/**
  
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R/**
  
4. 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/**

***RESPONSORIAL PSALM 7***

Ps 137 (138) : 1-3, 6-7

**R/** *Your love, O Lord, is eternal.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R/**
  
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R/**
  
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R/**
  
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R/**

***RESPONSORIAL PSALM 8***

Ps 102 (103) : 8,10-14,17-18

**R/** *The Lord is compassion and love.*

1. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R/**
  
2. For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **R/**
  
3. As a father has compassion on his children,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;  
for he knows of what we are made,  
he remember that we are dust. **R/**
  
4. The love of the Lord is everlasting  
upon those who fear him;  
his justice reaches out to children's children  
when they keep his covenant in truth. **R/**

## New Testament Readings

### *READING 1*

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

(8:31-32.35.37-39)

If God is for us, who is against us?  
He did not spare his own Son,  
but gave him up for all of us.  
Will he not with him also give us everything else?  
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,  
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword.  
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors  
through him who loved us.  
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

***READING 2***

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the  
Corinthians**

(1 :13:1-7)

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels,  
but do not have love,  
I am a noisy gong or a clanging symbol.  
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 to be burned,  
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.  
Love never ends.

**The word of the Lord.**

***READING 3***

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the  
Philippians**

(4 : 4-9)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice.  
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.  
The Lord is near.  
Do not worry about anything,  
But in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanks-  
giving, let your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
Finally, brother and sisters,  
whatever is true,  
whatever is honourable,  
whatever is just,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is pleasing,  
whatever is commendable,  
if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.  
Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received  
and heard and seen in me,  
and the God of peace will be with you.

**The word of the Lord.**

***READING 4***

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the  
Colossians**

(3:12-15)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,  
humility, gentleness, and patience.  
Bear with one another,  
and if anyone has a complaint against another,  
forgive each other;  
just as the Lord has forgiven you,  
so you also must forgive.  
Above all, clothe yourselves with love,  
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
And let the peace of Christ reign in your hearts.

**The word of the Lord.**

***READING 5***

**A reading from the first letter of St. John**

(1:2:7-10)

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment,  
but an old commandment that you had from the beginning;  
the old commandment is the word that you have heard.

Yet I am writing you a new commandment  
that is true in him and in you,  
because the darkness is passing away  
and the true light is already shining.

Whoever says, 'I am in the light,'  
while hating a brother or sister,  
is still in darkness.

Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light,  
And in such a person there is no cause for stumbling.

**The word of the Lord.**

***READING 6***

**A reading from the first letter of St. John**

(1:4:7-12)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God;  
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.  
Whoever does not love, does not know God, for God is love.  
God's love was revealed among us in this way:  
God sent his only Son into the world  
so that we might live through him.  
In this is love,  
not that we loved God, but that he loved us,  
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.  
Beloved, since God loved us so much,  
we also ought to love one another.  
No one has ever seen God;  
if we love one another, God lives in us,  
and his love is perfected in us.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

- *John*                    *13:34*

Alleluia, Alleluia

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another,  
just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

- *John*                    *13:35*

Alleluia, Alleluia

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you  
have love for one another, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

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- *John* 15:9

Alleluia, Alleluia

As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you;

abide in my love,

says the Lord.

Alleluia!

- *John* 15:12

Alleluia, Alleluia

This is my commandment,

that you love one another as I have loved you,

says the Lord.

Alleluia!

- ***John***                    ***15:13***

Alleluia, Alleluia

No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Alleluia!

- ***1 John***                    ***4:7-8***

Alleluia, Alleluia

Let us love one another,  
because love is from God;  
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God,  
for God is love.

Alleluia!

# Gospels

## *GOSPEL 1*

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

5:1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them saying:  
‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth.  
‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of right, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

***GOSPEL 2***

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘You are the salt of the earth;

but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?

It is no longer good for anything,

But is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bushel basket;

they put it on a lamp stand,

so that 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 in heaven.’

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

*GOSPEL 3*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

7:21.24-27

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘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 who is in heaven.  
Everyone then who hears 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 beat on that house,  
but it did not fall,  
because it had been founded on the rock.

And everyone who hears these words of mine  
and does not act on them,  
will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

The rain fell,  
and the floods came,  
and the winds blew and beat against that house,  
and it fell - and great was its fall.’

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

***GOSPEL 4***

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

2:1-11

There was a marriage in Cana of Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there.  
Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.  
When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him,  
'They have no wine.'  
And Jesus said to her,  
'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me?  
My hour has not yet come.'  
His mother said to the servants,  
'Do whatever he tells you.'  
Now standing there were six stone jars  
for the Jewish rites of purification,  
each holding twenty or thirty gallons.  
Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.'  
And they filled them up to the brim.  
Then he said to them,  
'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.'  
So they took it.  
When the steward tasted the water that had become wine,  
and did not know where it came from,  
(though the servants who had drawn the water knew),  
the steward called the bridegroom and said to him,  
'Everyone serves the good wine first,  
and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk.  
But you have kept the good wine until now.'  
Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee,  
and revealed his glory;  
and his disciples believed in him.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

***GOSPEL 5***

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

15:9-12; 13:35

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;  
abide in my love.

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

I have said these things to you,  
so that my joy may be in you,  
and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another.’

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

## Prayer of the Faithful

- 1). For N. and N., that the Lord,  
who has brought them to this happy day  
will keep them forever  
in fidelity and love.  
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
- 2). For the parents of N. and N., for their friends  
and all who have helped them  
to become husband and wife.  
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
- 3). That the Lord may bless the world with his peace  
and the protection of his love.  
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
- 4). For our community and our families,  
who welcome Christ into their lives;  
that they learn to receive him  
in the poor and suffering people of this world.  
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
- 5). For God's Church, the Bride of Christ,  
That it may be united in faith and love,  
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

## Prayer of the Faithful

6). For all who are victims of injustice,  
and for those deprived of love and affection.  
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

7). For married couples everywhere  
that their lives will be an example to the world  
of unity, fidelity and love.  
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

8). For those who mourn, while we are rejoicing,  
that in their suffering and loneliness  
they may experience the strength of God's support.  
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

9). For the faithful departed  
and especially for those  
whom we, ourselves, have loved,  
that God will one day unite us again  
in the joys of eternal home.  
Let us pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

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