

**2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
DEACON SERVICE**

Opening Hymn: “God in the Planning”

God, in the planning and purpose of life,
Hallowed the union of husband and wife:
This we embody where love is displayed,
Rings are presented and promises made.

Jesus was found at a similar feast,
Taking the roles of both waiter and priest,
Turning the worldly towards the divine,
Tears into laughter and water to wine.

Therefore, we pray that his spirit preside
Over the wedding of bridegroom and bride,
Fulfilling all that they've hoped will come true,
Lighting with love all they dream of and do.

Praise then the Maker, the Spirit, the Son,
Source of the love through which two are made one.
God's is the glory, the goodness and grace
Seen in this marriage and known in this place.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Deacon: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Deacon: Lord, bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth, so that by following Your holy we will gain eternal salvation.

Response: Amen.

Pause briefly for silent reflection

Confiteor

Almighty Father, You know my deepest secrets. I confess that I have, through my own fault, sinned against Your holy laws striking the breast three times in my thoughts, in my words and in what I have done or failed to do. I sincerely regret my sins and I am truly sorry for offending You. I ask, Father, that in Your mercy You pardon my sins. I promise to change my way of living so that through a deeper holiness I may better serve You throughout the rest of my life. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

Deacon. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

R: Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE

John 2: 11

Deacon: Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory,

R: And His disciples began to believe in Him.

Deacon: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

D: Lord, have mercy. **R:** Lord, have mercy.

D: Christ, have mercy. **R:** Christ, have mercy.

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us pray. [pause briefly]

Almighty Father, You sent Your Son to give us an example of holy life on earth. May we follow Him worthily and direct all our thoughts and deeds towards You. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R: Amen

Deacon: Let us pray. [pause briefly]

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant the soul of Your departed servant (handmaid), N., forgiveness of sins. May our devout prayers obtain for him (her, them) the pardon promised by our Savior. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 62: 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his

spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial

Psalm 96

R: Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name. R:

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations, among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. R:

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! R:

Worship the LORD in holy attire. Tremble before him, all the earth; Say among the nations: The LORD is king. He governs the peoples with equity. R:

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. This is the Word of the Lord.

Alleluia Verse

2 Thessalonians 2: 14

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

C: God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

D: May the Lord be in my heart and on my lips that I may worthily proclaim his Holy Gospel.

D: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

D: A reading from the Holy Gospel of the Lord according to St. John

R: Glory be to You, Lord.

Gospel

John 2: 1-12

There was a wedding at 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 servers 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 at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed (stand)

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the Virgin Mary

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AND BECAME MAN. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life Who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son. He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the + life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSION

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, we praise and thank You for Your goodness and mercy. We bless You for the love You have created and by which we are sustained each day. We praise You for the gifts of Your Son, our Savior through whom You made known Your will and grace. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your Holy Catholic Church and for the lives of all good and faithful people as well as for the promise of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has done for us and enable us to show our thankfulness by lives dedicated to Your service.

L: Our response is “Lord hear our prayer”

L: Save and defend the Holy church established by Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ and fill it with bishops, priests and deacons worthy of Your service and filled with love for You and your people. Strengthen it through the power of Your word, perfect it in Your love and establish it in the faith delivered to Your apostles. Bless Your people throughout the world with brotherhood that they may serve You in the unity of Your Church.

R Lord, hear our prayer.

L: Bestow Your wisdom and grace upon our Prime Bishop Anthony, our Bishop John, Father Bruce and all the bishops, priests, deacons and all other ministers, that they may faithfully fulfill the duties of their holy calling to the benefit of Your Church.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: Let the light of Your Word shine in our homes. Preserve the children of the Church in the Holy Faith into which they entered at Baptism and grant all parents the grace to enrich their children's faith in You, always serving as an example of Your love.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: Preserve our nation in Your peace and grant its leaders wisdom and health, guiding them to acknowledge and fulfill Your holy will.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: Remove hate and prejudice from the hearts of all people and instill a spirit of unity and love that peace may abound in our land and throughout the world.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: Comfort all those who are sick or in need. Remember those who are persecuted for the faith and have mercy on those whose earthly lives are drawing to an end. Bring consolation to those who mourn or sorrow and to all, grant Your love taking them into Your tender care,

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: We also remember all our brothers and sisters who have gone before us who have loved and served You in Your Church, especially N. Grant them the joy and peace of Your heavenly Kingdom.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, O heavenly Father: We ask it in the name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Hymn "Come Christians Join and Sing" Choir

Deacon: *Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Deacon: Deliver us Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever.

Deacon: I am the Bread of Life whoever comes to me will never be hungry and who believes in me will never thirst.

ALL: Because there is one bread, we who many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Deacon May the union of Divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.

R: Amen.

Deacon: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your Apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give to you. Do not look at our sins but on the Faith of your church and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom where you live forever & ever.

R: Amen

THE COMMUNION

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R: An also with you.

Deacon: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

(with a way, nod or kiss with spouse)

All kneel while the Deacon goes to the tabernacle to get the ciborium

Deacon: Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

R: Amen

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Deacon: Let us pray together:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my

sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

Deacon: I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

Deacon/Congregation: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Deacon: May the Body of Christ bring me everlasting life

R: Amen.

Deacon: This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

THOSE WHO WISH TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION SHOULD NOW APPROACH THE ALTAR.

Communion Hymn

“Jesus, My Lord and Savior”

Jesus my Lord and Savior, here would I worship Thee
All that I have I give thee, for Thou didst die for me,
Here in this bread of heaven, here in this Host Divine
Thanksgiving, praise and honor be ev’ry moment Thine
All my vain pride I humble, all my poor soul I give
Unto my Lord and Savior that with Him I may live.

Hosanna in the highest! Angelic choirs do sing,
Glorious praise unceasing to Christ our Lord and King.
Setting for us a standard as we our songs employ,
Bringing us closer to Him, filling us with His joy.
He knows the tears of suffering through His own early life.
With trembling heart we praise Him, telling Him of our strife.

Post Communion Hymn

“Glory Laud and Praise”

Glory, laud and praise unto our Savior
(Thy whole creation, shall sing forever)

This day we give Thee praise never ending
(Hear gracious Father Thy servants singing)

This day we thank Thee, for all the graces
(We sing Thy glory, throughout all ages,)

In this Sacred Host Thou hast come to us.
(Now may we praise Thee, Savior most precious.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Deacon: Let us pray. [pause briefly] Almighty Father, You gave Your Son the power to perform signs and miracles. Through the mystery of this Holy Eucharist, may we rejoice with Him as we obey His Word. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

R: And also, with you.

Deacon: May almighty God bless you: the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit come upon you and remain with you forever.

R: Amen

C: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn God's Blessing Sends Us Forth"

God's blessing sends us forth, Strengthen for our task on earth,
Refreshed in soul and renewed in mind, May God with us remain,
Through us the Spirit reign, that Christ be known to humankind.

God's news in spoken word joyfully our hearts have heard.
O may the seed of God's love now grow, may we in fruitful deeds
Gladly serve other's needs, that faith in action we may show.

We by one living bread as one body have been fed.
So, we are one as we share this food, how gracious to behold,
All people of one- fold whoever seek each other's good.

Grant in this age of space triumph of your truth and grace
Lord, you alone are unchanging truth, bring us unto your table,
Preserve and ever guide, Your ancient Church in ageless youth.