

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Sac: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

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

All: And with your spirit

MEMORIAL OF BAPTISM

Sac: Viviana and Diego, the Church shares in your joy and together with your loved ones welcomes you with great affection on the day when before God, our Father, you decide to realize the communion of all life. On this feast day for you, may the Lord listen to you. May he send his help from heaven and keep you. May he fulfill the desires of your heart and answer your prayers.

Grateful for having become sons and daughters in the Son, let us now commemorate Baptism, from which, as from a fruitful seed, the commitment to live faithfully in love is born and strengthened.

Sac: Father, in the Baptism of your Son Jesus at the Jordan River you revealed to the world your spousal love for your people.

All: We praise you and give you thanks.

Sac: Christ Jesus, from your open side on the Cross you generated the Church, your beloved bride.

All: We praise you and give you thanks.

Sac: Holy Spirit, power of the Father and of the Son, today make the nuptial garment of the Church shine in Viviana and Diego.

All: We praise you and give you thanks.

Sac: Almighty God, origin and source of life, who regenerated us in water with the power of your Spirit, revive in us the grace of Baptism, and grant Viviana and Diego a free heart and an ardent faith so that, purified in their hearts, they may welcome the gift of Marriage, the new way of their sanctification. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL ASSEMBLY

Sac: Let's pray

Almighty God, grant that Viviana and Diego, who today consecrate their love, may grow together in the faith they profess before you and enrich your Church with their children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who is God, and lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Song of Songs (Song 2:8-10.14.16a; 8:6-7a)

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 devotion; its flames are a blazing fire. Deep waters cannot quench love, nor floods sweep it away.”

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 44)

Rit. May the goodness of our God be with us every day.

My heart overflows with noble words. To the king I must speak the song I have made, my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.

Rit. May the goodness of our God be with us every day.

You are the fairest of the children of men and graciousness is poured upon your lips: because God has blessed you for evermore. O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh; in splendour and state, ride on in triumph

Rit. May the goodness of our God be with us every day.

For the cause of truth and goodness and right. Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you.

Rit. May the goodness of our God be with us every day.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him.

Rit. May the goodness of our God be with us every day.

And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts, the richest of the people shall seek your favour. The daughter of the king is clothed with splendour, her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.

Rit. May the goodness of our God be with us every day.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 13)

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I

have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

HYMN TO THE GOSPEL

Hallelujah, hallelujah

Sac: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Sac: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (Jn 15:9-17)

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY OF THE PRIEST

WEDDING RITE

Sac: Dear Viviana and Diego, You have come to the house of the Lord, before the minister of the Church and before the community, so that your decision to marry may receive the seal of the Holy Spirit, the source of faithful and inexhaustible love. Now Christ makes you sharers in the same love with which he loved his Church, even to the point of giving himself for her.

I therefore ask you to express your intentions.

QUESTIONS BEFORE CONSENT

Sac: Viviana and Diego, did you come to celebrate the wedding, without any constraint, in complete freedom and aware of the meaning of your decision?

Newlyweds: Yes

Sac: Are you willing, by following the path of marriage, to love and honor each other for life?

Newlyweds: Yes

Sac: Are you willing to welcome with love the children that God wants to give you and to educate them according to the law of Christ and his Church?

Newlyweds: Yes

EXPRESSION OF CONSENT

Sac: In the presence of God and before the Church gathered here, give yourselves your right hand and express your consent. May the Lord, the beginning and fulfilment of your love, be with you always.

Bridegroom: **I, Diego, welcome you, Viviana, as my bride. With the grace of Christ I promise to be faithful to you always, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, and to love and honor you all the days of my life.**

Bride: **I, Viviana, welcome you, Diego, as my husband. With the grace of Christ I promise to be faithful to you always, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, and to love and honor you all the days of my life.**

Sac: May the almighty and merciful Lord confirm the consent you have expressed before the Church and fill you with his blessing. Man does not dare to separate what God unites.

All: Amen

BLESSING AND HANDING OVER THE RINGS

Sac: May the Lord bless (+) these rings that you give each other as a sign of fidelity in love. May I be a living and joyful remembrance of this hour of grace for you. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Groom: Viviana, receive this ring, a sign of my love and my fidelity. In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Bride: Diego, receive this ring, a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

WEDDING BLESSING

Sac: Brothers and sisters, let us confidently invoke the Lord, so that he may pour out his grace and his blessing on these spouses who celebrate their marriage in Christ: may he who united them in the holy covenant for communion in the body and blood of Christ confirm them in mutual love.

Sac: O God, by your omnipotence you created all things out of nothing, and in the primordial order of the universe you formed man and woman in your image, giving them to each other as an inseparable support, so that they may no longer be two, but one flesh; thus you taught that it is never lawful to separate what you have constituted into unity.

O God, in so great a mystery you consecrated the union of the spouses and made the conjugal covenant a sacrament of Christ and of the Church.

O God, in you woman and man are united, and the first human community, the family, receives as a gift that blessing that nothing could erase, neither original sin nor the waters of the flood.

Now look with goodness upon these children of yours who, united in the bond of marriage, ask for the help of your blessing: pour out upon them the grace of the Holy Spirit so that, with the strength of your love spread in their hearts, they may remain faithful to the conjugal covenant.

In this daughter of yours, Viviana, may the gift of love and peace dwell and may she know how to imitate the holy women praised by Scripture.

Diego, her husband, may live with her in full communion, may he recognize her as a sharer in the same gift of grace, may he honor her as equal in dignity, may he always love her with that love with which Christ loved his Church

We pray to you, Lord, that these children of yours may remain united in faith and obedience to your commandments; faithful to one love, may they be exemplary in integrity of life; sustained by the power of the Gospel, may they give a good witness to Christ to all.

May their union be fruitful, may they become wise and strong parents, and together may they see their children's children. And after a long and serene life, may they attain the eternal blessedness of the kingdom of heaven. Through Christ our Lord

All: Amen

Sac: Let us bless the Lord

All: To him honor and glory for ever

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Sac: Brothers and sisters, aware of the unique gift of grace and charity through which God wanted to perfect and consecrate the love of our brothers Viviana and Diego, let us ask the Lord that, sustained by the example and intercession of the saints, they may keep their conjugal bond in fidelity.

Lit: So that Viviana and Diego, through the holy union of marriage, may enjoy bodily health and eternal salvation, let us pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Lit: That the Lord may bless the union of these spouses as He sanctified the wedding at Cana, let us pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Lit: That the Lord may make the love of Viviana and Diego fruitful, grant them peace and support and that they may be faithful witnesses of Christian life, let us pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Lit: That the Christian people may grow day by day in the certainty of faith, and that all those who are oppressed by the difficulties of life may receive the help of the grace that comes from on high, let us pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Lit: That the Holy Spirit may renew the grace of the sacrament in all the spouses present here, let us pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Sac: Now, in communion with the Church in heaven, let us invoke the intercession of the saints

Holy Mary, Mother of God, **pray for us**
Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, **pray for us**
Holy Mary, Queen of the Family, **pray for us**
Saint Joseph, Spouse of Mary, **pray for us**
Holy Angels of God, **pray for us**
Saints Joachim and Anne, **pray for us**
Saints Zechariah and Elizabeth, **pray for us**
Saint John the Baptist, **pray for us**
Saints Peter and Paul, **pray for us**
Holy Apostles and Evangelists, **pray for us**
Holy Martyrs of Christ, **pray for us**
Saints Aquila and Priscilla, **pray for us**
Saints Marius and Martha, **pray for us**
Saint Monica, **pray for us**
Saint Paulinus, **pray for us**
Saint Bridget, **pray for us**
Saint Rita, **pray for us**
Saint Frances of Rome, **pray for us**
Saint Thomas More, **pray for us**
Saint Giovanna Beretta Molla, **pray for us**
Saint Diego, **pray for us**
Saint Bibiana Martyr, **pray for us**
Saint Adrian Martyr, **pray for us**

Saint Victoria, **pray for us**
Saint Edward, **pray for us**
Saint Francis of Assisi, **pray for us**
St. Mark, **pray for us**
St. Anthony of Padua, **pray for us**
St. Leo, **pray for us**
all Saints, **pray for us**

Sac: Pour out, Lord, upon Viviana and Diego the Spirit of your love, so that they may become one heart and one soul: let nothing separate these spouses whom you have united, and, filled with your blessing, let nothing afflict them. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Sac: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS GIFTS

Sac: O God, Father of goodness, receive the bread and wine that your family offers you with deep joy, and keep in your love Viviana and Diego whom you have united with the nuptial sacrament. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sac: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Sac: Lift up our hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Sac: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

All: It is right and just

Sac: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, to give thanks always, here and everywhere, to you, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. You have given the conjugal community the sweet law of love and the indissoluble bond of peace, so that the chaste and fruitful union of the spouses may increase the number of your children. With a wonderful plan you have arranged that the birth of new creatures should gladden the human family, and their rebirth in Christ should build up your Church. For this mystery of salvation, united with the angels and saints, let us sing together the hymn of your glory.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy the Lord God of hosts. Heavens and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Sac: 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 so that they may become for us the Body and (+) the 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.

The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

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 Leo our Pope, Claudio our Bishop, and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, in particular Adriana, Eduardo, Blanca, Ramona, Giancarla, Attilio, Claudia, Vittorio, and, in your mercy, all the deceased: welcome them into the light of your face.

Remember also Viviana and Diego, whom you wanted to take to their wedding day: by your grace may they live in mutual love and peace.

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.

Remember also our brothers and sisters, who fell asleep in the hope of the resurrection, in particular Adriana, Eduardo, Blanca, Ramona, Giancarla, Attilio, Claudia, Vittorio, and, in your mercy, all the deceased: admit them to enjoy the light of your face.

All: Amen.

rites of communion

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

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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. Amen.

Sac: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and glory are yours, now and forever

Sac: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Sac: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit

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

All: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sac: Let's pray

O Lord, for this sacrifice of salvation, accompany with your providence the new family that you have established: grant that Viviana and Diego, united in the holy bond and nourished by the one bread and the one cup, may live in harmony in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

CONCLUDING RITES

Sac: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Sac: May the Lord Jesus, who sanctified the wedding feast at Cana, bless you, your relatives and friends.

All: Amen

Sac: May Christ, who loved his Church to the end, continually pour out his own love into your hearts.

All: Amen

Sac: May the Lord grant you, who bear witness to faith in his resurrection, to wait in joy for the fulfilment of the blessed hope.

All: Amen

Sac: And upon all of you who have participated in this nuptial liturgy, may the blessing of Almighty God, Father and Son (+) and Holy Spirit, descend.

All: Amen

Sac: In the Church and in the world, be witnesses of the gift of life and love that you have celebrated. Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING OF THE ARTICLES OF THE CIVIL CODE

Sac: Dear Viviana and Diego, you celebrated the sacrament of Matrimony by expressing your consent before me and the witnesses. In addition to divine grace and the effects established by the sacred Canons, your marriage also produces civil effects according to the laws of the State.

I therefore read you the articles of the Civil Code concerning the rights and duties of spouses that you are required to respect and observe:

Art. 143: By marriage, the husband and wife acquire the same rights and assume the same duties. From marriage

derives the reciprocal obligation to fidelity, moral and material assistance, collaboration in the interests of the family and cohabitation.

Both spouses are obliged, each in relation to his or her assets and his or her ability to work professionally or at home, to contribute to the needs of the family.

Article 144: The spouses agree among themselves on the direction of family life and establish the residence of the family according to the needs of both and the pre-eminent needs of the family itself. Each of the spouses has the power to implement the agreed address.

Article 147: Marriage imposes on both spouses the obligation to maintain, instruct, educate and morally assist the children, respecting their capacities, natural inclinations and aspirations, in accordance with the provisions of Article 315-bis.