THE ENTRANCE PROCESSION

(Optional: The lighting of the marriage candles is done at this point, while the entrance hymn is being sung)

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: And with your spirit.

GLORIA

People: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
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

Priest: Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord,
and in your kindness
pour out your grace on these your servants **(N. and N.),**
that, coming together before your altar,
they may be confirmed in love for one another.
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.

People: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

(Insert here the text of the first reading that you have chosen)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Insert here the title of the psalm that will be sung)

Second Reading

(Insert here the text of the second reading that you have chosen)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Your musician will sing the alleluia verse)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

Priest: Dear children of God, you have come to this church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest and this community. Christ blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in Baptism; now, by a special sacrament, he strengthens you to fulfil the duties of your married life. **(N. and N.)** you are about to celebrate this sacrament.

Priest: Have you come here of your own free will and choice and without compulsion to marry each other?

Both: We have.

Priest: Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?

Both: We will.

Priest: Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his Church?

Both: We are.

(The last question may be omitted when appropriate)

THE DECLARATION OF CONSENT

(Here you should choose one of the vows – either you say all of the vows yourselves, or the priest says the vows and you answer 'I do'.)

Priest: I invite you to declare before God and his Church your consent to become husband and wife.

Bridegroom: **I, N., take you N. as my wife,**
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
all the days of my life.

Bride: **I, N., take you N. as my husband,**
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
all the days of my life.

Priest: What God joins together man must not separate.
May the Lord confirm the consent you have given
and enrich you with his blessing.

OR

Priest: **N.** do you take **N.** as your wife
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
all the days of your life?

Bridegroom: **I do.**

Priest: **N.** do you take **N.** as your husband
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
all the days of your life?

Bride: **I do.**

Priest: What God joins together man must not separate.
May the Lord confirm the consent you have given
and enrich you with his blessing.

THE BLESSING OF RINGS

Priest: Lord, bless **N and N** and consecrate their married life. May these rings be symbols of their faith in each other and reminders of their love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Bridegroom: **N. wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

Bride **N. wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

THE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

(This part of the rite is optional and can be removed.
The bride and bridegroom may exchange a coin of gold or silver)

I give you this gold / silver, a token of all I possess.

THE PRAYER OF THE NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE

We thank you, Lord, and we praise you
for bringing us to this happy day.
You have given us to each other,
now, together, we give ourselves to you.

Make us one in our love,
Keep us one in your peace,
Protect our marriage,
Bless our home,
Make us gentle,
Keep us faithful.

And when life is over unite us again
where parting is no more in the kingdom of your love.
There we will praise you in the happiness of our eternal home.
Amen.

(Optional: If you have wedding candles, the large central candle is lit at this point.)

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

(You may change or add to these prayers. The prayer for the deceased is always last.)

Reader: For **N. and N.** as they begin their married life together; for happiness in their home. Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: For their parents, family and friends and all who helped them to this happy day. Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: For our community and families, that we might share the love we celebrate today with the poor and suffering of the world. Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: For all married couples and those preparing for marriage; remembering especially those here present and those experiencing difficulties in married life. Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: For our friends and relatives who have departed this life (especially ……) and for all the faithful departed. Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(The gifts of bread and wine are carried to the altar by 2 people)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

People: Blessed be God forever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:
fruit of the earth and human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

People: Blessed be God forever.

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

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice of 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

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**

Priest: 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:

People: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts.**
Heaven 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.

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.

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

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 Francis our Pope and Donal 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 Blessed Joseph, her spouse, 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.

People: **Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People: **Our Father, who art in heaven…**

THE NUPTIAL BLESSING

Priest: Let us humbly invoke by our prayers, dear brothers and sisters, God's blessing upon this bride and groom, that in his kindness he may favour with his help those on whom he has bestowed the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Priest: Holy Father, maker of the whole world, who created man and woman in your own image, and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing, we humbly beseech you for these your servants, who are joined today in this Sacrament. May your abundant blessing, Lord, come down upon this bride, **N.**, and upon **N.,** her companion for life, and may the power of your Holy Spirit set their hearts aflame from on high, so that, living out together the gift of Marriage, they may (adorn their family with children and) enrich the Church.In happiness may they praise you, O Lord, in sorrow may they seek you out, may they have the joy of your presence to assist them in their toil, and know that you are near to comfort them in their need; let them pray to you in the holy assembly and bear witness to you in the world, and after a happy old age, together with the circle of friends that surrounds them, may they come to the Kingdom of Heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: 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.

People: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

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

ALL KNEEL

People: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take 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.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: 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.

People: Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: God, the eternal Father keep you in love with each other so that the peace of Christ may stay with you and be always in your home.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: May you be blessed in your children, have solace in your friends and enjoy true peace with everyone.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

People: And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE REGISTER

RECESSIONAL MUSIC / HYMN