DRAFT ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE DURING MASS

[Hymn]

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

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: And with your spirit.**

*The priest may briefly introduce the celebration, before saying the Opening Prayer:*

…one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*All then sit for the First Reading*

[First Reading]

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

[Psalm]

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Gospel Reading]

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*A homily follows the Gospel Reading.*

*The Rite of Marriage follows.*

*After receiving the consent of the couple the priest invites those present to praise God:*

Priest: Let us bless the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

[Hymn]

*During the Bidding Prayers the following response is used:*

Reader: Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader: Let us commend ourselves and all God’s people, living and departed, to Mary, Mother of God and wife of Joseph the carpenter.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

As the altar is prepared a hymn is sung.

[Hymn]

Priest: 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.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*The Preface follows. After the Preface, all say:*

**All: 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!**

*(All kneel)*

*After the words: ‘The mystery of faith’,*

**All: Save us, Saviour of the world,**

**for by your Cross and Resurrection**

**you have set us free.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues with prayers for the living and the dead, and ends with the words:*

Priest: 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.

**All: Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

*(All stand)*

**All: 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.**

*The priest blesses the couple using the Nuptial Blessing.*

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.

**All: 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.**

*(All kneel)*

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

*(Non-catholics or those not wishing to receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing at the same time as the communicants. If you would like a blessing, please cross your arms in front of you as you approach the priest).*

*After communion the priest says a prayer.*

[Hymn]

*The priest blesses the Bride and Bridegroom, then all present.*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: May almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The civil Register is signed by the Bride and Bridegroom with their witnesses.*

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Non-scriptural readings.

Couples sometimes ask to have a non-scriptural reading at their wedding. If this is requested, it will be read either just before or just after the last hymn.