

Marriage is a sacramental sign to you, your families and friends, and the Church. Your visible love and faithfulness to each other become a witness and sign of God's love and care for all people.

This guide is intended to help you plan your wedding, to reflect you as a unique couple, while adhering to the standards for Catholic weddings.

Following is the Order of Worship with options for the readings and musical selections (which may be heard at <http://millburymusic.weebly.com/wedding-music.html>). Please insert your selection on the Planning Sheet and return it to the Celebrant or Music Director.



ENTRANCE RITE

Seating of Honored Guests Instrumental music will accompany the procession.

Procession

Processional Music

One of the following pieces may be played.

1. **Canon in D** Johann Pachelbel
2. **Trumpet Voluntary** Henry Purcell
3. **Processional from the Sound of Music** Richard Rodgers

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

One of the following selections from the Old Testament is read.

1. Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone.
I will make a suitable partner for him."

So the Lord God formed out of the ground
various animals and various birds of the air,
and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them;
whatever the man called each of them would be its name

The man gave names to all the cattle,
all the birds of the air, and all wild animals;
but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man,
and while he was asleep,
he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib
that he had taken from the man.

When he brought her to the man, the man said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
This one shall be called 'woman,'
for out of 'her man' this one has been taken."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother
and clings to his wife,
and the two of them become one body.

The word of the Lord.

2. Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and makes cloth with skillful hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a reward of her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

3. Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Blessed the husband of a good wife,
twice-lengthened are his days.
A worthy wife brings joy to her husband,
peaceful and full is his life.
A good wife is a generous gift
bestowed upon him who fears the Lord;
Be he rich or poor, his heart is content,
and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights her husband,
her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones;
A gift from the Lord is her governed speech,
and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth.
Choicest of blessings is a modest wife,
priceless her chaste soul.
A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace;
indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul.
Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens,
the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

One of the following musical settings is sung in response to hearing God's word.

1. Where There Is Love David Haas

- Refrain: Where there is love, there is God.
 The love of God has gathered us together; Alleluia.
- Verse 1 Love is patient, love is kind, never jealous, never proud,
 Never seeking for one's self, love never leads to anger.
- Verse 2 Love is gracious and forgiving, taking no delight in wrong;
 Love rejoices in the truth; love will endure.
- Verse 3 Many things will pass away. There are but three things that last;
 Faith, hope and love; the greatest of these is love.

2. Psalm 128: Blessed Are Those Who Love You Marty Haugen

- Refrain: Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you,
 Blest are those who seek you, O God.
- Verse 1 Happy all those who fear the Lord, and walk in God's pathway;
 You will find what you long for the riches of our God.
- Verse 2 Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home,
 Your children flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table.
- Verse 3 May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life,
 May the peace and the love of God live always in your heart.

Second Reading

One of the following selections from the New Testament is read.

1. Romans 12:1-2, 9-13

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Let love be sincere;
hate what is evil,
love one another with mutual affection;
anticipate one another in showing honor.

Do not grow slack in zeal,
be fervent in spirit,
serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope,
endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,
exercise hospitality.

The word of the Lord.

2. I Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues

but do not have love,

I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy

and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;

if I have all faith so as to move mountains,

but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own,

and if I hand my body over so that I may boast

but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, is not pompous,

it is not inflated, it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice over wrongdoing

but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

The word of the Lord.

3. Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one Body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms,
hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation sung by the cantor.

Gospel

One of the following Gospel selections is read by the priest or deacon.

1. **Mark 10:6-9**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said:

"From the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh.
So they are no longer two but one flesh.
Therefore what God has joined together,
no human being must separate."

The Gospel of the Lord.

3. John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding in 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 servants 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 in Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Homily

The priest or Deacon will give a brief homily based on the scriptures.

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Questions of Intent

Consent/Marriage Vows

Blessing and Exchange of the Rings

General Intercessions

If you are not having a Mass please choose 1 piece from either the Preparation (page 9-10) or Communion (page 10-11) selections to be sung as a meditation. The ceremony continues with the Nuptial Blessing.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

Members of the family or others may bring wine, water, and bread to the Table of the Lord.

Preparation Song

One of the following songs may be sung:

1. The Gift of Love Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed. By this we worship and are freed.
Amen.

2. Love Goes On Bernadette Farrell

Love is patient, love is kind, never ending, never ending;
Slow to anger, rich in mercy, love goes on beyond all time.

Love is faithful, love is true, ever joyful and forgiving;
Love endures when life is over, love is old and love is new.

Love alone has shaped our soul, and our hearts are always restless
Until love becomes our purpose, new creation to unfold.

Love our journey, love our goal. Though our faith may move the mountains,
Love alone can heal the broken; only love will make us whole.

Love, our Savior's one command; "Love the way that I have loved you,"
With a towel and a basin, washing feet with servant hands.

There are three gifts that remain when all other things have perished.
Only faith, hope, love enduring, and the greatest gift is love.

3. The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Henry Williams Baker

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow with gentle care he leads me,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with heav'nly food he feeds me.

Perverse and foolish I have strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still, your cross before to guide me.

You spread a table in my sight, your saving grace bestowing;
And O what joy and true delight from your pure chalice flowing!

And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace

Communion

One of the following songs may be sung:

1. Not For Tongues of Heaven's Angels

Michael Joncas

Not for tongues of heaven's angels, not for wisdom to discern,
Not for faith that masters mountains, for this better gift we yearn:

Refrain: May love be ours, Lord; may love be ours.
May love be ours, O Lord.

Love is humble, love is gentle, love is tender, true and kind;
Love is gracious, ever patient, generous of heart and mind.

Never jealous, never selfish, love does not rejoice in wrong;
Never boastful or resentful, love believes and suffers long.

Soon will fade the word of wisdom, faith and hope be one day past;
When we see our Savior clearly, love it is alone will last.

2. Covenant Hymn Gary Daigle

Wherever you go, I will follow, wherever you live is my home.
Though days be of blessing or sorrow, though house be of canvas or stone,
Though Eden be lost to the past, though mountains before us be vast,
Wherever you go, I am with you. I never will leave you alone.

Whatever you dream, I am with you, when stars call you name in the night.
Though shadows and mist cloud the future, together we bear there a light.
Like Abram and Sarah we stand, with only a promise in hand.
But lead where you dream; I will follow. To dream with you is my delight.

And though you should fall, you will find me, when no other friend can you claim,
When foes beat you down or betray you, and others desert you in shame.
When home and dreams aren't enough, and you run away from my love,
I'll raise you from where you have fallen. Faithful to you is my name.

Wherever you die, I will be there to sing you to sleep with a psalm,
To soothe you with tales of our journey, your fears and your doubts I will calm.
We'll live when your journeys are done forever in mem'ry as one.
And we will be buried together, and waken to greet a new dawn.

Wherever you go, I will follow. Behold! The horizon shines clear.
The possible gleams like a city: together we've nothing to fear.
So speak with words bold and true the message my heart speaks to you.
You won't be alone, I have promised. Wherever you go, I am here.

3. Love Has Brought Us Here Together Tony Alonso

Love has brought us here together; love of fam'ly love of friends;
Love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's gift, that never ends.
From our birth, throughout our lifetime, love's insistence calls our name.
Floods of waters cannot drown it, or put out its dancing flame.

Love is gentle, love is patient, soft in words and kind in deeds.
Love is strong and never pompous; love puts first the other's needs.
Not quick tempered or resentful, prone to take offense or brood,
Love excels in grace and mercy never jealous, never rude.

Love does not rejoice at evil; love rejoices in the right.
Keen in giving and forgiving, spreading love is love's delight.
When two people pledge their union, all who witness are renewed,
Feasting at love's earthly banquet, tasting heav'n's beatitude.

CONCLUDING RITE

Solemn Blessing

Recessional

One of the following instrumental pieces may be played.

1. **Allegro Maestoso from Water Music** Joseph Handel
2. **Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring** Johann Sebastian Bach
3. **Rondeau** Jean Mouret