

NUPTIAL MASS

The following draft order of service will help you in the planning stages, regarding content and layout.

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The golden rule to follow is that, in any booklets printed for the congregation, there is no need to print anything other than the running order, and the texts they will be using.

Each time the word 'hymn' appears, it is bracketed. This indicates that a hymn at this point is not compulsory, but that it is an appropriate place to have one

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ORDER OF SERVICE

At the Entrance of the Bride - name the piece of music and the composer

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

All: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your spirit**

Welcome

(Hymn) Print hymn in full. If printed in two columns, ensure verse numbering.

We are invited to recognise the goodness of God and seek his mercy. Please repeat 'Lord, have mercy' or 'Christ, have mercy' after the priest.

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Print scripture reference - **no need to print text.**

Please sit

At the end of the passage, the reader says: The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm from the selection of readings

or

(Hymn) Print hymn in full. If printed in two columns, ensure verse numbering.

(Second Reading) - same instructions as for first reading

Gospel:

Please stand

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit**

Priest A reading from the holy Gospel according to.....(name of Gospel)

All **Glory to you, Lord.**

Print scripture reference - no need to print text.

At the end of the passage, the priest says:

The gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily (if most people are not Catholics, it is probably better to put 'address' instead) *Please sit*

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Exchange of Consent

Blessing and Exchange of Ring(s)

General Intercessions:

Please stand

after each petition, the reader says:

Priest Lord, in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

(If you are writing your own intercessions, please use the form 'We pray for....' or 'Let us pray for....', stating the intention: e.g. We pray for John and Mary, that the Lord, who has brought them to this happy day, will be their constant companion. Don't use the form 'Dear Jesus', or 'Lord'. That form indicates a prayer. The reader is inviting people to pray, not leading them in prayer.)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please sit

Gifts of bread and wine and brought to the altar; meanwhile all sing:

Hymn. same instructions as for other hymns.

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

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

Prayer over the Offerings.

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, at the end of which, all say:

**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.**

Please kneel or sit as is your custom for prayer

After the words of institution have been spoken over the bread and cup, the priest says:

The mystery of faith.

(Choose one of the following acclamations, and print that only)

All **We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

or

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again**

or

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the following text is said by the priest:

Through him, and with him, and in him..... for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: *print this if you think it is needed; otherwise omit text.* *Please stand*

**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.**

Nuptial Blessing

After the sign of peace all say:

**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.**

Please kneel or sit as is your custom for prayer

The priest gives the invitation to communion:

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

All those receiving communion come forward, and those who are not receiving are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms in front of you.

(Hymn) - same instructions as for other hymns.

Prayer after Communion *Please stand*

Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

(Hymn) same instructions as for other hymns

Signing of the Registers *Two registers are used – so make sure the heading is printed in the plural*
Please sit

Recessional: *name the piece of music and the composer* *Please stand*