

Scripture Readings for Celebrating Matrimony

The Liturgy of the Word is celebrated in the usual manner for the Wedding Liturgy. There may be three readings (except in Chapter III, which prescribes only one or two readings). The First Reading should be from the Old Testament, but during Easter Time it is from the Book of Revelation.

At least one reading that explicitly speaks of Marriage must always be chosen. These readings are designated by an asterisk (*).

Old Testament Reading

Lectionary for Mass 801

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 1:26-28, 31a * | Male and female he created them. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 2:18-24 * | The two of them become one body. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67 * | In his love for Rebekah, Isaac found solace after the death of his mother. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tobit 7:6-14 * | May the Lord of heaven prosper you both. May he grant you mercy and peace. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tobit 8:4b-8 * | Allow us to live together to a happy old age. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 * | The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a | Stern as death is love. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16*
(Vg: Sirach 26:1-4, 16-21) | Like the sun rising in the LORD's heaven, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a | I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. |

Responsorial Psalm

Lectionary for Mass 803

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 33:12 and 18, 20-21, 22 | The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | I will bless the Lord at all times.
OR Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 103:1-2, 8 and 13, 17-18a | The Lord is kind and merciful.
The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, 9 | Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands OR Alleluia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 * | Blessed are those who fear the Lord
OR See how the Lord blesses those who fear him. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 145:8-9, 10 and 15, 17-18 | How good is the Lord to all. (OCM 172) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 148:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-13ab,
13c-14a | Let all praise the name of the Lord OR Alleluia |

New Testament Reading

- Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39
- Romans 12:1-2, 9-18 (long form)
or 1-2, 9-13 (short form)
- Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13
- 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
- 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a
- Ephesians 4:1-6
- Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33 * (long form)
or 5:2a, 25-32 (short form) *
- Philippians 4:4-9
- Colossians 3:12-17
- Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b *
- 1 Peter 3:1-9 *
- 1 John 3:18-24
- 1 John 4:7-12
- Revelation 19:1, 5-9a

Lectionary for Mass 802

What will separate us from the love of Christ?
Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.
Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you.
Your body is a temple of the Spirit.
If I do not have love, I gain nothing.
One Body and one Spirit.
This a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.
The God of peace will be with you.
And over all these put on love, that is the bond of perfection.
Let marriage be held in honor by all.
Be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another.
Love in deed and in truth.
God is love.
Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Alleluia Verse and Verse before the Gospel **Lectionary for Mass 804**

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| 1 John 4:7b | Everyone who loves is begotten of God and knows God. |
| 1 John 4:8b and 11 | God is love. Let us love one another as God has loved us. |
| 1 John 4:12 | If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us. |
| 1 John 4:16 | Whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in him. |

Gospel

Lectionary for Mass 805

- Mathew 5:1-12a Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.
- Matthew 5:13-16 You are the light of the world.
- Matthew 7:21, 24-29 (long form)
or 7:21, 24-25 (short form) A wise man built his house on rock.
- Matthew 19:3-6 * What God has united, man must not separate.
- Matthew 22:35-40 This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it.
- Mark 10:6-9 * They are no longer two, but one flesh.
- John 2:1-11 * Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee.
- John 15:9-12 Remain in my love.
- John 15:12-16 This is my commandment: love one another.
- John 17:20-26 (long form)
or 17:20-23 (short form) That they may be brought to perfection as one.