

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Marriage of*

*Bride*

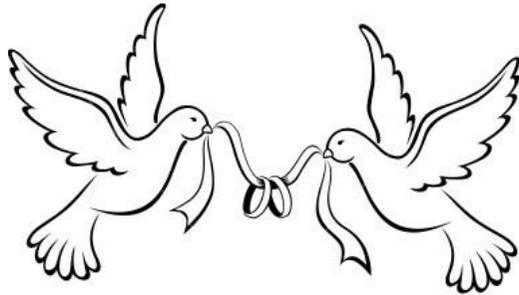
*&*

*Groom*

*at*

*SS Peter & Paul's Roman Catholic Church,  
Ilford*

*Day, Date and time*



FINAL BLESSING

*(Please stand)*

FINAL HYMN "All things bright and beautiful" Hymn No. 685

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER "Ave Maria"

*(Please sit)*

FINAL PROCESSION Mendlessohn's Wedding March

*Priest*

*Readers*

*Maid of Honour*

*Bridesmaids*

*Best Man*

*Groomsmen*

## NUPTIAL BLESSING

### RITE OF PEACE

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.

**All: Amen.**

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.

*(Shake hands with the people around, you as a sign of peace)*

### HOLY COMMUNION

**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.**

*(Please kneel)*

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.**

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*(Those who are Catholic may receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*For those who are not, please come forward for a blessing with arms crossed as indicated by the Priest if you wish)*

*(Please remain seated after Communion, for reflection)*

COMMUNION HYMN *"Bind us together" Hymn No. 922*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Lord, in your love you have given us this Eucharist to unite us with one another and with you. As you have made **Bride** and **Groom** one in the sacrament of marriage so now make them one in love for each other.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

**All: Amen**

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*(Please stand)*

### ENTRANCE PROCESSION

*Bridal March – Wagner*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*"Give me Joy in my Heart" Hymn No. 722*

### ENTRANCE RITE

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

**All: Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your Spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

### GLORIA

**All: 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 Lord;**

**You alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,**

**With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Father  
You have made the bond of Marriage a holy mystery,  
A symbol of Christ's love for his Church.  
Hear our prayers for **Bride** and **Groom**,  
With faith in you and in each other they pledge their love today.  
May their lives always bear witness to the reality of that love.  
We ask this through our Lord.  
**All: Amen**

*(Please sit)*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**1<sup>st</sup> READING** A reading from the Book of Genesis (2:18-24)

**Read by:**

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 wild 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..... **All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 148**

Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.  
But see, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness.  
**R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Priest: It is truly right and just...  
**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.**

*(Please kneel)*

Priest: Lord you are Holy indeed...

The Mystery of Faith.  
**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup.  
We proclaim your death O Lord,  
Until you come again.**

Priest: In memory of his death and resurrection...  
...Through him,  
With him  
In him,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father,  
Forever and Ever.

**All: Amen**

COMMUNION RITE

Priest: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**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**

Dear Lord, may today be the first of many celebrations and happy occasions for **Bride** and **Groom**. As family and friends, may we be always there to help them share the good times and be the support they may need during any challenging times that life may have for them.

Priest: Lord, hear us.

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

Dear Lord, let us also pray that this wedding day may bring renewed joy and continued happiness to the marriages and relationships of all who have gathered together for today's celebration.

Priest: Lord, hear us.

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

Priest: We pray to our Lady, Mother of Christ Jesus, to listen to our prayers as we say:

**All: Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with Thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst 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.**

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The gifts are brought to the altar by*

*(please sit)*

OFFERTORY HYMN "Take our bread, we ask you" Hymn No. 605

### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*(please stand)*

Priest: Pray, Brethren, 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.**

Priest: Lord, accept our offering for this newly married couple, **Bride and Groom** By your love and providence you have brought them together: now bless them all the days of their married life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our soul waits for the Lord,  
who is our help and our shield,  
For in him our hearts rejoice;  
in his holy name we trust.  
**R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.  
**R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord**

**2nd READING** A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (13:1-4a, 5-6b)

**Read by:**

Brothers and sisters:  
Let mutual love continue.  
Do not neglect hospitality,  
for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.  
Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment,  
and of the ill-treated as of yourselves,  
for you also are in the body.  
Let marriage be honored among all  
and the marriage bed be kept undefiled.  
Let your life be free from love of money  
but be content with what you have,  
for he has said, I will never forsake you or abandon you.  
Thus we may say with confidence:  
The Lord is my helper,  
and I will not be afraid.

The word of the Lord..... **All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please stand)*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.....**All: And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.....**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.....**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Please sit)*

HOMILY

## THE MARRIAGE RITE

*(Bride and Groom to join their right hands and face each other)*

*(Please stand)*

**Priest:** Dearly beloved, you have come together into the house of the Church, so that in the presence of the Church's minister and the community your intention to enter into Marriage may be strengthened by the Lord with a sacred seal. Christ abundantly blesses the love that binds you. Through a special Sacrament, he enriches and strengthens those he has already consecrated by Holy Baptism, that they may be faithful to each other for ever and assume all the responsibilities of married life. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

### THE QUESTIONS BEFORE THE CONSENT

**Priest:** **Bride and Groom**, have you come here to enter into Marriage without coercion, freely and wholeheartedly?

**Bride & Groom:** I have

**Priest:** **Groom**, are you resolved to take **Bride** to be your wife: to love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and forsaking all others, to be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

**Groom:** I am

**Priest:** **Bride**, are you resolved to take **Groom** to be your wife: to love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and forsaking all others, to be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

**Bride:** I am

**Priest:** Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

**Bride & Groom:** I am

### THE CIVIL DECLARATION OF FREEDOM

**Groom:** I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I **Groom full name**, may not be joined in matrimony to **Bride full name**.

**Bride:** I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I **Bride full name**, may not be joined in matrimony to **Groom full name**.

### THE CONSENT

**Priest:** Since it is your intention to enter the covenant of Holy Matrimony, join your right hands and declare your consent before God and his Church.

**Groom:** I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, **Groom full name**, do take thee, **Bride full name**, to be my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forwards, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part.

**Bride:** I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, **Bride full name**, do take thee, **Groom full name**, to be my lawful wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forwards, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part.

**Priest:** May the Lord in his kindness strengthen the consent you have declared before the Church, and graciously bring to fulfilment his blessing within you. What God joins together, let no one put asunder.

**All: Amen**

*The Priest invites those present to praise God:*

Let us bless the Lord.

### THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF RINGS

**Priest:** Bless, O Lord, these rings, which we bless in your name, so that those who wear them may remain entirely faithful to each other, abide in peace and in your will, and live always in mutual charity. Through Christ Our Lord.

**All: Amen**

**Groom:** **Bride**, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage: with my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Bride:** **Groom**, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage: with my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen..**

### BIDDING PRAYERS

Dear Lord, we pray for those that are unable to be with us today to witness the marriage of **Bride and Groom**. We pray especially for our aunts, uncles, cousins and other significant loved ones who are no longer with us. May they rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon them.

**Priest:** Lord, hear us.

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