

Readings for Marriage New Lectionary

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

801 READINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

801 (1)

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 1:26—28, 31a

“Male and female he created them.”

God said: “Let us make man in our image,

after our likeness;

and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,

and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle,

and over all the earth,

and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created man in his own image,

in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

And God blessed them, and God said to them,

“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it;

and have dominion over the fish of the sea

and over the birds of the air

and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

And God saw everything that he had made,

and behold, it was very good.

The word of the Lord.

801 (2)

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 2:18—24

“They become one flesh.”

The LORD God said:

“It is not good that the man should be alone;

I will make him a helper fit for him.”

So out of the ground

the LORD God formed every beast of the field

and every bird of the air,

and brought them to the man

to see what he would call them;

and whatever the man called every living creature,

that was its name.

The man gave names to all cattle,

and to the birds of the air,

and to every beast of the field;

but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him.

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man,

and while he slept took one of his ribs

and closed up its place with flesh;

and the rib which the LORD God had taken from the man

he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother
and clings to his wife,
and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

801 (3)

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 24:48—51,58—67

Isaac loved Rebekah and was comforted after his mother’s death.

In those days:

Abraham’s servant said to Laban,

“I blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham,
who had led me by the right way

to take the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son.

Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master,
tell me; and if not, tell me;

that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.”

Then Laban and Bethuel answered,

“The thing comes from the LORD;

we cannot speak to you bad or good.

Behold, Rebekah is before you, take her and go,

and let her be the wife of your master's son,
as the LORD has spoken."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her,
"Will you go with this man?"

She said, "I will go."

So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse,
and Abraham's servant and his men.

And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her,
"Our Sister, be the mother of the thousands of ten thousands;
and may your descendants Possess the gate
of those who hate them!"

Then Rebekah and her maids arose,
and rode upon the camels and followed the man;
thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi,
and was dwelling in the Negeb.

And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening;
and he lifted up his eyes and looked,
and behold, there were camels coming.

And Rebekah lifted up her eyes,
and when she saw Isaac, she alighted from the camel,
and said to the servant,

“Who is the man yonder,
walking in the field to meet us?”

The servant said, “It is my master.”

So she took her veil and covered herself.

And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

Then Isaac brought her into the tent,

and took Rebekah, and she became his wife;

and he loved her.

So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

The word of the Lord.

801 (4)

A reading from the Book of Tobit

Tobit 7:&-14

You are her relative, and she is yours. The merciful God will guide you both for the best.

In those days:

Raguel sprang up and kissed Tobias and wept.

And he blessed him and exclaimed,

“Son of that good and noble man!”

When he heard that Tobit had lost his sight,

he was stricken with grief and wept.

And his wife Edna and his daughter Sarah wept.

Then Raguel killed a lamb from the flock

and received them very warmly.

Tobias said to Raphael,

“Brother Azarias,

ask Raguel to give me my kinswoman Sarah.”

But Raguel overheard it and said to Tobias,

“Eat, drink, and be merry;

for no one except you, brother,

has the right to marry my daughter Sarah.

Likewise, I am not at liberty

to give her to any other man than yourself,

because you are my nearest relative.

But let me explain the true situation to you.

I have given my daughter to seven men of our kinsmen,

and when each came to her he died in the night.

But for the present, my child, eat and drink,

and the Lord will act on behalf of you both.”

But Tobias said,

“I will eat nothing here

until you make a binding agreement with me.”

So Raguel said, “I will do so.

She is given to you

in accordance with the decree in the book of Moses,

and it has been decreed from heaven that she be given to you.

Take your kinswoman;

from now on you are her brother and she is your sister.

She is given to you from today and for ever.

May the Lord of heaven, my child,
guide and prosper you both this night
and grant you mercy and peace.”

Then he called his daughter Sarah,
and taking her by the hand
he gave her to Tobias to be his wife, saying,
“Here she is; take her to be your wife
in accordance with the law and the decree
written in the book of Moses.

Take her and bring her safely to your father.
And may the God of heaven
prosper your journey with his peace.”

Then he called her mother
and told her to bring writing material;
and he wrote out a copy of the marriage contract,
to the effect that he gave her to him as wife
according to the decree of the law of Moses.
Then they began to eat and drink.

The word of the Lord.

801 (5)

A reading from the Book of Tobit

Tobit8:4b-8

“Grant that I may grow old together with her”

[On their wedding night,]

Tobias said [to Sarah]:

“Sister, get up, and let us pray and implore our Lord
that he grant us mercy and safety.”

And they began to say,

“Blessed are you, O God of our fathers,
and blessed be your holy and glorious name for ever.

Let the heavens and all your creatures bless you.

You made Adam and gave him Eve his wife
as a helper and support.

From them the race of mankind has sprung.

You said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone;
let us make a helper for him like himself.’

And now, O Lord,

I am not taking this sister of mine because of lust,
but with sincerity.

Grant that I may find mercy
and may grow old together with her.”

And they both said, “Amen, Amen.”

The word of the Lord.

801 (6)

A reading from the Song of Solomon
14, 16a; 8:6—7ab

Song of Solomon 2:8—10,

“For love is strong as death.”

The voice of my beloved!

Behold, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle,
or a young stag.

Behold, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my dove, my fair one,
and come away;

O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
in the covert of the cliff,

let me see your face,
let me hear your voice,
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is comely.”

My beloved is mine and I am his.

He said to me:

“Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
jealousy is cruel as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire,

a most vehement flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.”

The word of the Lord.

801 (7)

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Sirach26:1—.4, 13—16

“Like the sun rising, so is the beauty of a good wife in her well-ordered home.”

Happy is the husband of a good wife;
the number of his days will be doubled.

A loyal wife rejoices her husband,

and he will complete his years in peace.

A good wife is a great blessing;
she will be granted among the blessings of the man
who fears the Lord.

Whether rich or poor, his heart is glad,
and at all times his face is cheerful.

A wife’s charm delights her husband,
and her skill puts fat on his bones.

A sensible and silent wife is a gift of the Lord,
and there is nothing so precious as a disciplined soul.

A modest wife adds charm to charm,

and no balance can weigh the value of a chaste soul.

Like the sun rising in the heights of the Lord,
so is the beauty of a good wife in her well-ordered home.

The word of the Lord.

801 (8)

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah
32a, 33—34a

Jeremiah 31:31—

“I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.”

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,
not like the covenant which I made with their fathers
when I took them by the hand
to bring them out of the land of Egypt.

“But this is the covenant which I will make
with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD:
I will put my law within them,
and I will write it upon their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And no longer shall each man teach his neighbour
and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’
for they shall all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD.”

The word of the Lord.

802 READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

802 (1)

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans Romans 8;3135, 37—
39**

“Who will be able to separate us from the love of Christ?”

Brethren:

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not Spare his own Son

but gave him up for us all,

will he not also give us all things with him?

Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect?

It is God who justifies; who is to condemn?

Is it Christ Jesus, who died,

yes, who was raised from the dead,

who is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution,

or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors

through him who loved us.

For I am sure that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

02 (2)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans Romans
12:1—2. 9—18

“Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.”

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may prove what is the will of God,
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Let love be genuine;
hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
love one another with brotherly affection;
outdo one another in showing honour.

Never flag in zeal,
be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in your hope,

be patient in tribulation,

be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you;

bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another;

do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;

never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

If possible, so far as it depends upon you,

live peaceably with all.

The word of the Lord.

OR SHORTER:

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Romans 12:1—2, 9-

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The word of the Lord.

802 (3)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 1 Corinthians
6:13c—15a, 17—20

“Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.”

Brethren:

The body is not meant for immorality but for the Lord,
and the Lord for the body.

And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.
Shun immorality.
Every other sin which a man commits is Outside the body;
but the immoral man sins against his own body.
Do you not know
that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
which you have from God?
You are not your own; you were bought with a price.
So glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

802 (4)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 1 Corinthians
12:31—13:8a

“If I have not love, I gain nothing.”

Brethren:

Earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels,

but have not love,

I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give away all I have,
and if I deliver my body to be burned,
but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind;
love is not jealous or boastful;

it is not arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.

Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

The word of the Lord.

802 (5)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians
5:2a, 21—33 Ephesians

“This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church.”

Brethren:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord.

For the husband is the head of the wife

as Christ is the head of the Church, his body,

and is himself its Saviour.

As the Church is subject to Christ,

so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church

and gave himself up for her,

that he might sanctify her,

having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

that he might present the Church to himself in splendour,

without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,

that she might be holy and without blemish.

Even so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.

He who loves his wife loves himself.

For no man ever hates his own flesh,

but nourishes and cherishes it,

as Christ does the Church,

because we are members of his body.

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother

and be joined to his wife,

and the two shall become one flesh.”

This is a great mystery,

and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church;
however, let each one of you love his wife as himself,
and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

The word of the Lord.

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33

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The word of the Lord.

802 (6)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians Colossians
3:12—17

“Above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

Brethren:

Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved,
compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience,
forbearing one another and,
if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

And over all these put on love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the one body.

And be thankful.

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

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

The word of the Lord.

802 (7)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter 1 Peter 3:1—9

“All of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren.”

Beloved:

You wives, be submissive to your husbands,

so that some, though they do not obey the word,
may be won without a word by the behaviour of their wives,
when they see your reverent and chaste behaviour.

Let not yours be the outward adorning with braiding of hair,
decoration of gold, and wearing of robes,
but let it be the hidden person of the heart
with the imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit,
which in God’s sight is very precious.

So once the holy women who hoped in God
used to adorn themselves

and were submissive to their husbands,
as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord.

And you are now her children if you do right
and let nothing terrify you.

Likewise you husbands, live considerately with your wives,
bestowing honour on the woman as the weaker sex,
since you are joint heirs of the grace of life,
in order that your prayers may not be hindered.

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit,
sympathy, love of the brethren,
a tender heart and a humble mind.

Do not return evil for evil or reviling for reviling;
but on the contrary bless,
for to this you have been called,
that you may obtain a blessing.

The word of the Lord.

802 (8)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John
24

I John3:18—

Let us love in deed and in truth.”

Little children, let us not love in word or speech
but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth,

and reassure our hearts before him
whenever our hearts condemn us;
for God is greater than our hearts,
and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence before God;
and we receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment,
that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

All who keep his commandments abide in him,
and he in them,
and by this we know that he abides in us,
by the Spirit which he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

802 (9)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

1John 4:7-12

God is love.”

Beloved, let us love one another;
for love is of God,
and he who loves is born of God and knows God.
He who does not love does not know God;

for God is love. —

In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.

In this is love,
not that we loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.

No man has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God abides in us
and his love is perfected in us.

The word of the Lord.

802 (10)

A reading from the Book of Revelation Revelation 19:1, 5—
9a

“Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

I, John, heard what seemed to be the mighty voice
of a great multitude in heaven, crying,

“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.”

And from the throne came a voice crying,

“Praise our God, all you his servants,
you who fear him, small and great.”

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,
like the sound of many waters
and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying,
“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
it was granted her to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure”—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.
And the angel said to me, “Write this:
Blessed are those who are invited
to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

The word of the Lord.

803 RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

803 (1) Psalm 33:12 and 18,20—21,22 (R. Sb)

R/ The Lord’s merciful love fills the earth.
Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.
Yes, the Lord’s eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love. R/

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

He is our help and our shield.

In him do our hearts find joy.

We trust in his holy name. R/

May your merciful love be upon us,

as we hope in you, O Lord. R/

803 (2) Psalm34:2—3,4—5,6.-7,8_9

R/ I will bless the Lord at all times. (R. 2a)

or: Taste and see that the Lord is good. (R. 9a)

I will bless the Lord at all times,

praise of him is always in my mouth.

In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;

the humble shall hear and be glad. R/

Glorify the Lord with me;

together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me;

from all my terrors he set me free. R/

Look towards him and be radiant;

let your faces not be abashed.

This lowly one called; the Lord heard,

and rescued him from all his distress. R/

The angel of the LORD is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. R/

803 (3) Psalm 103:1—2, 8 and 13, 17—18a

The Lord is compassionate and gracious. (R. 8a)

or: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear. (R. see
17ab)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. R/

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him. R/

But the mercy of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear,

upon children's children his justice,
for those who keep his covenant. R/

803 (4) Psalm 112:1b—2, 3—4, 5—7a, 7b—8, 9 (R. 1b)

R/ Blessed the man who takes great delight in the Lord's commandments.
or: Alleluia.

Blessed the man who fears the Lord,
who takes great delight in his commandments.
His descendants shall be powerful on earth;

the generation of the upright will be blest. R/

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his justice stands firm for ever.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright;
he is generous, merciful and just. R/

It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice.

He will never be moved;
for ever shall the just be remembered.

He has no fear of evil news. R/

With a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
he will see the downfall of his foes. R/

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His might shall be exalted in glory. R/

803 (5) Psalm 128:1—2,3,4—5

Blessed are all who fear the Lord. (R. see la)

or: Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. (R. 4)

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be blessed and prosper. R/

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. R/

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.

May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! R/

803 (6) Psalm 145:8—9, 10 and 15, 17—18 (R. 9a)

R/ How good is the Lord to all.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. R/

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season. R/

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.
R/

803 (7) Psalm 148:1—2, 3—4, 9—10, 11—13ab, 13c—14a (R. 13a)

Let them praise the name of the Lord.
or: Alleluia.
Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts. R/

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all shining stars.

Praise him, highest heavens,

and the waters above the heavens. R/

Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars,

beasts, both wild and tame,

reptiles and birds on the wing. R/

Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all judges of the earth,

young men and maidens as well,

the old together with the young.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for his name alone is exalted. R/

His splendour is above heaven and earth.

He exalts the strength of his people. R/

804 (1) I John 4:7b

V/ Alleluia. R/ Alleluia.

(Lent: Glory and praise to you, O Christ.)

‘ He who loves is born of God

and knows God.

R/ Alleluia.

804 (2) 1 John 4:8b, 11

God is love;

if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

804 (3) 1 John 4:12

If we love one another, God abides in us,

and his love is perfected in us.

804 (4) 1 John 4:16

He who abides in love, abides in God,

and God abides in him.

805 GOSPELS

805 (1)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Matthew 5:1—
12a

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.”

At that time:

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain,
and when he sat down his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

805 (2)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
16

Matthew 5:13—

“You are the light of the world.”

At that time:

Jesus said to his disciples,

“You are the salt of the earth;

but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?

It is no longer good for anything
except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.
“You are the light of the world.
A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel,
but on a stand,
and it gives light to all in the house.
Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

805 (3)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Matthew 7:21,
24—29

He built his house upon the rock.
At that time:
Jesus said to his disciples,
“Not every one who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’
shall enter the kingdom of heaven,
but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
“Every one then
who hears these words of mine and does them
will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock;

and the rain fell, and the floods came,
and the winds blew and beat upon that house,
but it did not fall,
because it had been founded on the rock.
And every one who hears these words of mine
and does not do them
will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand;
and the rain fell, and the floods came,
and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell;
and great was the fall of it.”
And when Jesus finished these sayings,
the crowds were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one who had authority,
and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

OR SHORTER:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Matthew 7:2 1,
24-25

At that time:

Jesus said to his disciples,

“Not every one who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’

shall enter the kingdom of heaven,

but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

“Every one then
who hears these words of mine and does them
will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock;
and the rain fell, and the floods came,
and the winds blew and beat upon that house,
but it did not fall,
because it had been founded on the rock.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

805 (4)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Matthew 19:3-6

“What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder”

At that time:

Pharisees came up to Jesus and tested him by asking,

“Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?”

He answered, “Have you not read

that he who made them from the beginning

made them male and female, and said,

‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother

and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one’?

So they are no longer two but one.

What therefore God has joined together,

let no man put asunder.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

805 (5)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Matthew 22:35—40

“This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it.”

At that time:

A lawyer asked Jesus a question, to test him.

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

And he said to him,

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it,

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments

depend all the law and the prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

805 (6)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Mark 10:6—9

“They are no longer two but one flesh.”

At that time:

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.

What therefore God has joined together,

let not man put asunder.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

805 (7)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John John 2:1—11

"This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee."

At that time:

There was a marriage at Cana in Galilee,

and the mother of Jesus was there;

Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples.

When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him,

"They have no wine:'

And Jesus said to her,

"O woman, what is that to you or to me?

My hour has not yet come:'

His mother said to the servants,

"Do whatever he tells you."

Now six stone jars were standing there,

for the Jewish rites of purification,
each holding twenty or thirty gallons.
Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water:"
And they filled them up to the brim.
He said to them, "Now draw some out,
and take it to the steward of the feast:"
So they took it.
When the steward of the feast
tasted the water now become wine,
and did not know where it came from
(though the servants who had drawn the water knew),
the steward of the feast
called the bridegroom and said to him,
"Every man serves the good wine first;
and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine;
but you have kept the good wine until now."
This, the first of his signs,
Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory;
and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

805 (8)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 15:9-12

"Abide in my love."

At that time:

Jesus said to his disciples,

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you;

abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,

just as I have kept my Father’s commandments

and abide in his love.

These things I have spoken to you,

that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment,

that you love one another as I have loved you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

805 (9)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 15:12-16

“This is my commandment, that you love one another.”

At that time:

Jesus said to his disciples,

“This is my commandment,

that you love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no man than this,

that a man lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

No longer do I call you servants,

for the servant does not know what his master is doing;

but I have called you friends,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.
You did not choose me, but I chose you
and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit
and that your fruit should abide;
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name,
he may give it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

805 (10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John John 17:20-26

“May they become perfectly one.”

At that time:

[Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and prayed,

“Holy Father,] I do not pray for these only,

but also for those who believe in me through their word,

that they may all be one;

even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you,

that they also may be in us,

so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory which you have given me I have given to them,

that they may be one even as we are one,

I in them and you in me,

that they may become perfectly one,
so that the world may know that you have sent me
and have loved them even as you have loved me.
Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me,
may be with me where I am, to behold my glory
which you have given me in your love for me
before the foundation of the world.
O righteous Father, the world has not known you,
but I have known you;
and these know that you have sent me.
I made known to them your name,
and I will make it known,
that the love with which you have loved me
may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

OR SHORTER:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time:

[Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and prayed,
“Holy Father,] I do not pray for these only,
but also for those who believe in me through their word,
that they may all be one;
even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you,

that they also may be in us,
so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
The glory which you have given me I have given to them,
that they may be one even as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may become perfectly one,
so that the world may know that you have sent me
and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

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