

## THE ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY WITHIN MASS

**Wedding March**  
(all stand for the bride)

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting and introduction (*Priest*)

*Gloria* (*sung or said by everyone*)

Collect or Opening Prayer (*Priest*)

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

(All sit)

(You may choose between **First Reading** or **Second Reading** or **both**)

**FIRST READING**  
(Old Testament)

**Psalm**

(Normally sung by cantor with people coming in on sung response)  
or **Hymn** (sung by everyone)

**SECOND READING**  
(New Testament)

**Acclamation** before the Gospel  
(Normally sung)

**Gospel**

**Short homily**  
(*priest*)

**Short silence**

### CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

(The couple stand with witnesses nearby and congregation sits)

- The questions before the consent
- The civil declaration of freedom
- The consent
- The reception of the consent
- Blessing and giving of rings
- (*hymn - optional*)
- The universal prayer (bidding prayers)

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Presentation of the gifts** (all sit)  
(A short hymn or background music)

the Eucharistic prayer (**all kneel**)

### Communion Rite

**The Our Father** ([all stand](#))

**THE NUPTIAL BLESSING** ([The couple and congregation kneels](#))

**Holy Communion** ([a hymn may be sung or a solo piece](#))

### **SIGNING THE CIVIL AND CHURCH REGISTERS**

([All sit in quietness](#))

([There can be a solo piece or other quiet appropriate music while the registers are been signed in the sanctuary](#))

### **THE CONCLUSION OF THE CELEBRATION**

**Final Blessing** – first the bride and groom and then everyone.  
([All Kneel](#))

**Wedding March** ([All stand](#))

#### **ORGANISTS:**

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