

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY WITHIN MASS

Introductory Rites:

Entrance:

First Form: Priest with servers goes to door of church, receives wedding party, and warmly greets them, showing that the Church shares in their joy (no microphone; personal and welcoming). The family, wedding party, bridegroom, and bride enter in "customary manner". With the Opening Song, the servers, readers, and priest process to altar and chair (as at regular Sunday Mass); #45, #46, #47

Second Form: Priest with servers goes to place prepared for couple or to his chair. When the wedding party and couple arrive, the priest greets the couple warmly, showing that the Church shares in their joy (no microphone; personal and welcoming). With the Opening Song, the presider venerates the altar and proceeds to the chair; #48, #49, #50

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

*Rite provides two options for welcome ("in these or similar words" #52)

Penitential Rite is omitted

**Glory to God* is sung (at all Ritual Masses, even in Advent and Lent)

Collect: 6 options

Liturgy of the Word: Chapter IV

Old Testament Readings: 9 options

Psalms: 7 options

New Testament Readings: 14 options (*Ephesians 4:1-6 not in Lectionary, Volume IV)

Gospel Acclamation: 4 options

Gospel: 10 options

Homily

Celebration of Matrimony:

Since two witnesses stand, all in assembly invited to stand as witnesses

Address to Bride and Groom ("in these or similar words" #59)

Questions before the Consent: #60

Groom and Bride each say, "I have" - "I am" - "I am"

Consent: two options: preferred to have groom and bride repeat after priest #61, #62;

second option: each respond "I do" to questions #63

*Reception of Consent with Sung Response by all, an acclamation of praise to God #64

Blessing and Giving of Rings #66, #67

*Optional Hymn (Canticle of Praise) may be sung by all #68

Universal Prayer: two options #216/#217

Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Presentation of Gifts: Bride and Groom or other participants at Mass #70

Prayer over Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer: I, II, and III have commemoration of the couple; intention they be used: OCM - #202, #203, and #204

Nuptial Blessing: three options, OCM or Roman Missal
(after Our Father, "*Deliver us*" is omitted)

Sign of Peace: expresses peace and charity #75 (keep it confined, not reception line)

Distribution of Holy Communion (consecrated Bread and Wine encouraged to be offered, especially to newly married couple) #76

Period of Silent Prayer

Prayer after Communion

Local Custom: Optional: Flower to Blessed Virgin Mary
Flowers to mothers

Concluding Rites:

Solemn Blessing (no dismissal) #77

Local Custom: Optional: Introduce Couple

Recessional (nothing specified, instrumental or hymn)