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Priest	Fr. Thomas Stevens
Bride's Parents	Frank and Nina Bride
Groom's Parents	Michael and Paula Groom
Bridesmaids	Cathy March Tanya Miller
Groomsmen	Robert Gomez Joel Cannon
Candle Carriers	Nina March Paula Bride
Readers	Alison Groom Andrew March Daniel March Emma Fisher Caitlin Magnum

Bridal Procession (please stand)

Music can be inserted

Introductory Rite

Greeting

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

All: Amen

Rev. Stevens: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your Spirit.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Stevens: Almighty God, hear our prayers for Alexandra and Christopher, who have come here today to be united in the sacrament of marriage. With faith in you and in each other they pledge their love today. May their lives bear witness to the reality of that love.

We ask you this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (please be seated)

Reader: Alison Groom

A reading based on the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (12:31; 13: 1-13)

Love is a very special and beautiful gift. It brings out the very best in people. Without it we are nothing.

Love has often been described in various ways. It means something to each of us. Perhaps a good definition of it is the joyous feeling we experience as a result of a strong attachment to someone. However, it does not just remain with us but it is something we share with others in our daily lives. It is the basis of our Christian Faith.

In order to receive love, one must love. Many people search for it all their lives. They are so busy trying to be loved that they often forget to love. Love is not often restricted, it has no barriers. It is not always perfect, nor does it pretend to be. Love is bearing the good with the bad. It is being there when someone needs you. It means saying a comforting word in times of stress.

Love is something sacred and should be cherished. It is also the basis of any strong relationship. It is present between husband and wife, parents and their children, sisters and brothers, relatives and friends. It is everywhere. We must try to reach to always reach out to those around us.

As it is, these remain: faith, hope and love, the three of them; and the greatest of them is love. Christ showed us how to love. Love never comes to an end.

Responsorial Psalm - Exodus 19:4 Psalm 105

Reader: Andrew March

Andrew: The response to the Psalm is; I will care for you in all your years.

All: I will care for you in all your years.

Andrew: My heart is full of peace with you in my life. Your guiding hand has always covered me, I am full of confidence in you.

All: I will care for you in all your years.

Andrew: Never do you need to be afraid, no matter how uncertain things may be. Sometimes through me, you seem to find your purpose in life.

All: I will care for you in all your years.

Andrew: I've known pain and struggle in my life, the weakness so central to my heart. When I have strayed or fallen in my life; you have gently set me on my feet again.

All: I will care for you in all your years.

Second Reading

Reader: Daniel March

A reading based on the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

Give yourself to one another completely, be generous in your giving and make no conditions for these gifts. Love one another constantly and fully.

Be humble in your acceptance of your partner's love. Be honest with each other. Be thankful for each other's love and strive to develop its richness day by day.

Respect each other in every way. Be patient with one another's weaknesses and accept each other's faults. Communicate constantly with one another, be calm, patient, tolerant and reasonable in your communication. Be capable of good listening. Share with one another misfortune and fortune alike. Be compassionate and express your love for one another constantly.

Fuse your souls into one and be happy for the love you have been so fortunate to find in one another.

Gospel Acclamation (please stand)

All: Alleluia, Alleluia

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Rev. Stevens: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 15:9-12

All: Glory to you Oh Lord

Rev. Stevens: Jesus said to his disciples;
As the father loved me, so I have loved you.
Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in
my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in
his love.
I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be
complete.
This is my commandment: Love one another, as I love you.
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Rev. Stevens
(please be seated)

The Rite of Marriage

Rev. Stevens: Alexandra and Christopher, you have come together in this Church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the Church's minister and by your families and friends. May Christ abundantly bless this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism and now He enriches and strengthens you by a special sacrament so that you may assume the duties of marriage in mutual and lasting fidelity. And so in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

Statement of Intentions

Rev. Stevens: Alexandra and Christopher, have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?

Alexandra & Christopher: We have

Rev. Stevens: Will you love and honour each other as husband and wife for the rest of your lives?

Alexandra & Christopher: We will

Rev. Stevens: Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up accordingly to the law of Christ and his Church?

Alexandra & Christopher: We will

Exchange of Vows

Rev. Stevens: Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your right hands, and declare your consent before God and his Church.

Christopher: I, Christopher, take you, Alexandra, to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.

Alexandra: I, Alexandra, take you, Christopher, to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.

Rev. Stevens: Alexandra and Christopher, you have declared your consent before the Church. May the Lord in His goodness strengthen your consent and fill you both with His blessings.

Blessing & Exchange of Rings

Rev. Stevens: Lord, bless these rings which we bless in your name. Grant that those who wear them may always have a deep faith in each other. May they do your will and always live together in peace, good will, and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Christopher: Alexandra, take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Alexandra: Christopher, take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Stevens: Alexandra and Christopher, you have come here today to promise yourselves to each other in marriage. Having done so in the presence of God, your family and friends, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

Lighting of the Wedding Candle

Rev. Stevens: Now that you are united in marriage, I invite you to light your wedding candle from the ones that were lit earlier.

As these two lights are now united as one, so too are your lives together. Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world. Bless this light and let it always remind Christopher and Alexandra that you are their light in darkness and together with St. Michael, the Archangel, their protector and guide. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Prayers of the Faithful

Emma Fisher and Caitlin Magnum

Rev. Stevens: My dear friends, we have witnessed Christopher and Alexandra exchange their vows in the presence of the Lord. Let us now pray that God will bless them throughout their married life and keep them united in undivided love.

Emma: For Christopher and Alexandra that their lives will be filled with joy and peace, that their love will go from strength to strength, and their deepest hopes on this day will come to fulfilment.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our Prayer.

Emma: Lord, help Christopher and Alexandra grace their home with friendship, laughter and love. May they be surrounded by supportive family and friends. May their home be welcoming to others and those in need.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our Prayer.

Emma: For fruitful love, that Christopher and Alexandra will share in God's creative work and enjoy the gift of children,

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our Prayer.

Caitlin: Lord, we pray for the members of our family and friends who are ill.

Embrace those in pain and suffering. May they feel you close to them and let them feel the healing power of your love.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our Prayer.

Caitlin: Lord, we pray that you bless all our family and friends who are here

with us today, those who could not join us, and those who have entered into God's eternal kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our Prayer.

Caitlin: We pray in thanksgiving for the Church, all clergy and Reverend

Stevens, that they may enjoy good health as they continue to work for the Church.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our Prayer.

Rev. Stevens: Almighty God, you have come into the lives of Christopher and Alexandra through the gift of married love. Remain with them always and show your great love for those who call you their Father. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Presentation of the Gifts

Rev. Stevens: Prefaces of Marriage

Father, All powerful and ever living God, We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Him you entered into a new covenant with your people. You restored him to Grace in the saving mystery of redemption. You gave him share in the divine life through his union with Christ. You made him an heir to Christ's eternal glory.

This outpouring of love in the new covenant that seals the love of husband and wife and reflects your divine plan of love.

And so, with the Angels and all the saints in heaven we proclaim your Glory and join in their unending hymn of praise.

**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Rev. Stevens: The Mystery of Faith

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Rev. Stevens: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, forever and ever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Nuptial Blessing

Rev. Stevens: Dear friends, let us ask God for his continued blessing for Christopher and Alexandra.

Holy Father, creator of the universe, maker of man and woman in your own likeness, source of blessing for married life, we humbly pray to you for this woman who is united with her husband in this sacrament of marriage.

May your fullest blessing come upon them so that they may together rejoice in your gift of married life.

Lord, may they both praise you when they are happy and turn to you in their sorrows. May they be glad that you helped them in their work and know that they you are with them in their need. May they pray to you in the community of the church, and be your witnesses in the world, may they reach old in the company of their friends, and come at last to the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Sign of Peace

Rev. Stevens: 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.

Communion Hymn - *Somewhere Over The Rainbow*

Reflection Hymn - *Ave Maria*

Signing of the Register - *Can't Help Falling In Love*

Christopher and Alexandra, together with Rev. Stevens, sign the Marriage Register.

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing

Rev. Stevens: May God, the almighty Father, give you his joy and bless you.

All: Amen

Rev. Stevens: May the only Son of God have mercy on you and help you in good times and bad.

All: Amen

Rev. Stevens: May the Holy Spirit of God always fill your hearts with his love.

All: Amen

Rev. Stevens: May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Rev. Stevens: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God

Recessional Song - *This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)*

Thank You

We would like to thank our parents, families and friends for your love and support. We feel blessed that you are able to join us and share in our special day. We would also like to thank Reverend Thomas Stevens and St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Thank you for your well wishes and prayers we look forward to seeing you at the reception to celebrate our marriage.

Christopher and Alexandra

