

CHAPTER V

VARIOUS TEXTS TO BE USED IN THE RITE OF MARRIAGE AND IN THE MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

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BIBLICAL READINGS

The passages that follow may be used in the Mass For the Celebration of Marriage and in the celebration of Marriages without Mass. At least one reading that explicitly speaks of Marriage must always be chosen. These readings are designated by an 'M'. (+ indicates a new text not found in current Lectionary)

Readings from the Old Testament

- M 179.** Genesis 1:26-28, 31a: [Easter Vigil: Reading 1 – short form]
Male and female he created them.
God said, 'Let us make man... (31) ...it was very good.
- M 180.** Genesis 2:18-24: [OT27-B]
They become one body.
The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone...
- M 181.** Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67:
Isaac loved Rebekah, and so he was consoled for the loss of his mother.
Abraham's servant said to Laban, 'I blessed the Lord, God my master Abraham...
- M 182.** Tobit 7:6-14:
The Lord of heaven favours you, my child, and grants you his grace and peace.
Raguel kissed Tobias...
- M 183.** Tobit 8:4b-8:
Bring us to old age together.
On the evening of their marriage, Tobias said to Sarah, 'You and I must pray...
- +M 184.** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31: [OT33-A]
The woman who fears the Lord is the one to praise.
A perfect wife — who can find her?...
- 185.** Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a:
Love is as strong as Death.
I hear my Beloved... (16) ...and I am his. (8:6) Set me like a seal... ...no torrents drown.
- M 186.** Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 26:1-4, 16-21:
Like the sun rising is the beauty of a good wife in a well-kept house.
Happy the husband of a really good wife.
- 187.** Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a: [Lent 5-B]
I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah.
See the days are coming — it is the Lord who speaks... (32) ...the land of Egypt. (34) ...the Lord who speaks.

Readings from the New Testament

- 188.** Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39: [(31-34) Lent 2-B; (35, 37-39) OT18-A]
Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ.
With God on our side...
- 189.** Romans 12:1-2, 9-18 (long form) or 1-2, 9-13 (short form): [(1-2) OT22-A]
Offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.
Think of God's mercy, my brothers...
- + **190.** Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13: [(4-9) Advent 2-A]
Treat each other as Christ.
We should not think of ourselves... (3a) Christ did not think of himself.
- 191.** 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20: [OT2-B]
Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
This body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord... (15) ...the body of Christ.
- 192.** 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a: [OT4-C]
If I am without love, it will do me no good whatever.
Be ambitious for the higher gifts... (8) Love does not come to an end.
- + **193.** Ephesians 4:1-6: [OT17-B; (1-13) Ascension-B]
One Body and one Spirit.
I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you...
- M **194.** Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33 (long form) or 5:2a, 25-32 (short form) : [OT21-B]
This mystery has many implications and I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.
Follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place. (21) Give way to one another...
- + **195.** Philippians 4:4-9: [(4-7) Advent 3-C ;(6-9) OT27-A]
The God of peace will be with you.
I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord.
- 196.** Colossians 3:12-17: [Holy Family-A(BC)]
Over all these to keep them together and complete them, put on love.
You are God's chosen race...
- + **197.** Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b:
Marriage is to be honoured by all.
Continue to love each other like brothers... (4a)...and marriages are to be kept undefiled... (6b) I fear nothing.
- M **198.** 1 Peter 3:1-9:
You should all agree among yourselves and be sympathetic; love the brothers.
Wives should be obedient to their husbands...
- 199.** 1 John 3:18-24: [Easter 5-B]
Our love is to be something real and active.
My children, our love is not to be just words...
- 200.** 1 John 4:7-12: [(7-10) Easter 5-B; (11§-16) Sacred Heart-A]
God is love
My dear people, let us love one another...
- 201.** Revelation 19:1, 5-9a:
Happy are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.
I, John, seemed to hear... (9) ... invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Responsorial Psalms

- 202.** Psalm 32 (33):12 and 18, 20-21, 22.
R. (5b) The Lord fills the earth with his love.
- 203.** Psalm 33 (34):2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9.
R. (2a) I will bless the Lord at all times.
or: R. (9a) Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- 204.** Psalm 102 (103):1-2, 8 and 13, 17-18a.
R. (8a) The Lord is compassion and love.
or: R. (cf.17): The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear.
- 205.** Psalm 111 (112):1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, 9.
R. (cf. 1) Happy the man who takes delight in the Lord's commands.
or: R. Alleluia!
- M 206.** Psalm 127 (128):1-2, 3, 4-5ac and 6a
R. (cf. 1) O blessed are those who fear the Lord!
or: R.(4) Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
- 207.** Psalm 144 (145):8-9, 10 and 15, 17-18.
R. (9a) How good is the Lord to all.
- 208.** Psalm 148:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-13ab, 13c-14a.
R. (13a) Praise the name of the Lord.
or: R. Alleluia!

Alleluia Verses and Verses before the Gospel

- + cf. Psalm 133 (134): 3
May the Lord bless you from Sion,
he who made both heaven and earth.
- 209.** 1 John 4:7b:
Everyone who loves
is begotten by God,
and knows God.
- 210.** 1 John 4:8b and 11:
God is love;
let us love one another
as God has loved us.
- 211.** 1 John 4:12:
As long as we love one another
God will live in us,
and his love will be complete in us.
- 212.** 1 John 4:16:
Anyone who lives in love
lives in God,
and God lives in him.

Gospel Readings

213. **Matthew 5:1-12a:** [OT4-A, All Saints]
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.
Seeing the crowds, Jesus... (12a) ...be great in heaven.
214. **Matthew 5:13-16:** [OT5-A]
You are the light of the world.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth...
215. **Matthew 7:21, 24-29 (long form) or 7:21, 24-25 (short form):** [OT9-A]
He built his house on rock.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'It is not those who say to me, "Lord, Lord"...
- M 216. **Matthew 19:3-6:**
What God has united, man must not divide.
Some Pharisees approached Jesus...
217. **Matthew 22:35-40:** [OT30-A]
This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it.
A lawyer, to disconcert Jesus, put a question...
- M 218. **Mark 10:6-9:** [OT27-B]
They are no longer two, but one body.
Jesus said, 'From the beginning of creation...
- M 219. **John 2:1-11:** [OT2-C]
This was the first of the signs given by Jesus — at Cana in Galilee.
There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee...
220. **John 15:9-12:** [Easter 6-B]
Remain in my love.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father loved me...
221. **John 15:12-16:** [Easter 6-B]
What I command you is to love one another.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'This is my commandment...
222. **John 17:20-26 (long form) or 17:20-23 (short form):** [Easter 7-B]
May they be completely one.
Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, I pray not only for these...