

# The Order of Celebrating Matrimony

## 1. THE ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY WITHIN MASS

### The Introductory Rites

Entrance

- *2 Forms*
- *Entrance Chant*

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Introduction\*

- *Penitential Act omitted*

Gloria

Collect [RM]

### The Liturgy of the Word

### The Celebration of Marriage

Introduction\*

The Questions before the Consent

The Civil Declaration of Freedom

The Consent

The Reception of the Consent

- *Acclamation by All*

The Blessing and Giving of Rings

- *Hymn*

Universal Prayer

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

### Eucharistic Prayer

- *Including Commemoration for husband & wife*  
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### Communion Rite

Our Father

Nuptial Blessing [RM]

Sign of Peace

Communion

### The Conclusion of the Celebration

Blessing [RM]

Signing of Register

## 2. THE ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY WITHOUT MASS

### The Introductory Rites

Entrance

- *2 Forms*
- *Entrance Chant/Hymn*

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Introduction\*

- *Penitential Act & Gloria omitted*

Collect [RM]

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### If Holy Communion is not distributed

Universal Prayer

Our Father

Nuptial Blessing [RM]

### If Holy Communion is Distributed

Universal Prayer

Nuptial Blessing [RM]

Our Father

Sign of Peace

Holy Communion

- *Chant/hymn*
- *Silence or Song*

Prayer

### The Conclusion of the Celebration

Blessing [RM]

- *Hymn/Chant*

*(where Holy Communion has not been distributed)*

Signing of Register

## 3. THE ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY IN THE PRESENCE OF AN ASSISTING LAYPERSON

### The Introductory Rites

Greeting

Introduction\*

### The Liturgy of the Word

- *Gospel*
- *Exhortation*

### The Celebration of Marriage

Introduction\*

The Questions before the Consent

The Civil Declaration of Freedom

The Consent

The Reception of the Consent

- *Acclamation by All*

The Blessing and Giving of Rings

- *Hymn*

### If Holy Communion is not distributed

Universal Prayer

Our Father

Nuptial Blessing

### If Holy Communion is Distributed

Universal Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Our Father

Sign of Peace

Holy Communion

- *Chant/hymn*
- *Silence or Song*

Prayer

### The Conclusion of the Celebration

Blessing

- *Chant/song*

Signing of Register

## 4. THE ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY BETWEEN A CATHOLIC AND A CATECHUMEN OR A NON-CHRISTIAN

### The Rite of Reception

- *May be omitted*

Reception of Couple

Procession

Introduction\*

### Liturgy of the Word

### The Celebration of Marriage

Introduction\*

The Questions before the Consent

The Civil Declaration of Freedom

The Consent

The Reception of the Consent

- *Acclamation by All*

The Blessing and Giving of Rings

- *Hymn*

Universal Prayer

Our Father

Nuptial Blessing

- *May be omitted*

### The Conclusion of the Celebration

Blessing

- *Chant/song*

Signing of Register

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## 5. Various Texts to be used in the Rite of Marriage and in the Mass for the Celebration of Marriage

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### APPENDICES

1. Examples of the Universal Prayer
2. The Order of Blessing of an Engaged Couple
3. The Order of Blessing of a Married Couple within Mass on the Anniversary of Marriage
4. Order of Celebrating Marriage: Form for Use at Convalidation

*\* in these or similar words...*

[RM] *text from Roman Missal*

This is one of a series of Liturgy Office resources to support the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*.  
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