The Wedding Party

Celebrant:	Fr. Declan Kelly
Maid of Honour:	A.N. Other
Bridesmaids:	A.N. Other A.N. Other A.N. Other
Junior Bridesmaid	
Best Man:	A.N. Other
Groomsmen:	A.N. Other A.N. Other A.N. Other
First Reading:	A.N. Other
Second Reading:	A.N. Other
Prayer of the Faithful:	A.N. Other A.N. Other A.N. Other A.N. Other
Offertory:	A.N. Other A.N. Other
Music:	A.N. Other A.N. Other

Introductory Rite

Lighting of the candles

Bride and **Groom** each light a candle representing their individuality and uniqueness.

Lighting of the Candles:

Introductory Rite

Fr Declan: The Lord be with you. **All:** And with your spirit.

Penitential Rite

Fr Declan: Lord, have mercy. **All:** Lord, have mercy.

Fr Declan: Christ, have mercy. **All:** Christ, have mercy.

Fr Declan: Lord, have mercy. **All:** Lord, have mercy.

Opening Prayer

Father when you created mankind you willed that man and wife should be one. Bind **Bride** and **Groom** in the loving union of marriage and make their love fruitful so that they may be living witnesses to your divine love in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word
First Reading

A reading from the book of Tobit

On the evening of their marriage, Tobias said to Sarah, "You and I must pray and petition our Lord to win his grace and protection", She stood up, and they began praying for protection, and this was how he began: "You are blessed, O God of our fathers; blessed, too, is your name for ever and ever. Let the heavens bless you and all things you have made for evermore. It was you who created Adam, you who created Eve his wife to be his helpmate like himself." And so I do not take my sister for any lustful motive; I do it in singleness of heart. Be kind enough to have pity on her and on me and bring us to old age together." And together they said, "Amen, Amen."

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:
Response: **I will bless the Lord at all times**

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. ***(Response)***

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. ***(Response)***

Look towards him and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. ***(Response)***

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. ***(Response)***

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers should, and have a profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care.
Bless those who persecute you: never curse them, bless them. Rejoice with those who rejoice and be sad with those in sorrow. Treat everyone with equal kindness; never be condescending but make real friends with the poor. Do not allow yourself to become self-satisfied. Never repay evil with evil but let everyone see that you are interested in the highest ideals. Do all you can to live at peace with everyone.
This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! God is love; let us love one another as God has loved us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Fr Declan: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"As the Father has 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 have loved you."

Fr Declan: This is the Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Rite of Marriage

Fr Declan: Dear children of God, you have come to this church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest and this community. Christ blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism; now, by a special sacrament, he strengthens you to fulfil the duties of your married life. **Bride** and **Groom** you are about to celebrate this sacrament.

Have you come here of your own free will and choice and without compulsion to marry each other?
Bride & Groom: We have.

Fr Declan: Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?
Bride & Groom: We will.

Fr Declan: Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his Church?
Bride & Groom: We are.

Declaration of Consent

Fr Declan: I invite you then to declare before God and his Church your consent to become husband and wife.

Groom: I, **Groom**, take you, **Bride**, as my wife, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, 'till death do us part.

Bride: I, **Bride**, take you, **Groom**, as my husband, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, 'till death do us part.

Fr Declan: What God joins together man must not separate. May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given and enrich you with his blessings.

All: Amen.

Blessing of the Rings

Fr Declan: May the Lord bless these rings which will be the sign of your love and fidelity.
All: Amen.

Exchange of Rings

Groom: Bride, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love in the Name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit.

Bride: Groom, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love in the Name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit.

Lighting of the Marriage Candle

Groom and **Bride** light their marriage candle which represents their sacramental union as husband and wife.

Lighting of the Marriage Candle:

Prayer of the Faithful

We pray for Bride and Groom as they begin their married life together and for happiness in their home. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for the sick and the suffering: that God may lay his hands gently upon them. Let them feel his strength and his peace. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for Bride & Groom's parents and friends and all who have helped them to this happy day. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all the faithful departed, especially those whom we ourselves have loved and would have wished to be present on this day. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord graciously hear us.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Procession:

Preparation of Altar and Gifts

Fr Declan: Receive, we pray, O Lord, the offering made on the occasion of this sealing of the sacred bond of marriage, and, just as your goodness is its origin, may your providence guide its course.

Through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Preface

Fr Declan: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
Always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy,
Through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
You Word through whom you made all things,
Whom you sent as our Saviour and Redeemer,
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin.

Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people,
He stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion,
So as to break the bonds of death and manifest the resurrection.

And so, with the Angels and all the Saints, We declare your glory,
As with one voice we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts…

The Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, The fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
By sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
So that they may become for us
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
And entered willingly into his Passion,
He took bread and , giving thanks, broke it,
And gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, He took the chalice
And, once more giving thanks, He gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Fr Declan: The mystery of faith.
All: My Lord and my God.

Therefore, as we celebrate
The memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
We offer you Lord,
The Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
Giving thanks that you have held us worthy
To be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray
That, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
We may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,
Spread throughout the world,
And bring her to the fullness of charity,
Together with Francis our Pope and Dermot our Bishop
And all the clergy.

Be mindful also, Lord of Bride and Groom
Whom you have brought to their wedding day,
So that by your grace
They may abide in mutual love and in peace.

Remember also our brothers and sisters
Who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
And all who have died in your mercy:
Welcome them into the light of your face.
Have mercy on us all, we pray,
That with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
With the blessed Apostles,
And all the Saints who have pleased your throughout the ages,
We may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
And may praise and glorify you
Through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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,
For ever and ever.

All: Amen

Communion Rite Lord's Prayer

Fr Declan: Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words our Saviour gave us.

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. Amen.*

Nuptial Blessing

Fr Declan: Let us humbly invoke by our prayers, dear brothers and sisters, God's blessing upon this bride and groom, that in his kindness he may favour with his help those on whom he has bestowed the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Holy Father maker of the whole world who created man and woman in your own image and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing, we humbly beseech you for these your servants, who are joined today in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May your abundant blessing, Lord, come down upon this bride, **Bride** and upon **Groom** her companion for life, and may the power of your Holy Spirit set their hearts aflame from on high, so that, living out together the gift of Matrimony, they may enrich the Church.

In happiness may they praise you, O Lord, in sorrow may they seek you out; may they have the joy of your presence to assist them in their toil, and know that you are near to comfort them in their need; let them pray to you in the holy assembly and bear witness to you in the world, and after a happy old age, together with the circle of friends that surrounds them, may they come to the Kingdom of Heaven,

We ask this through Christ our Lord
All: Amen.

Fr Declan: Deliver us from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Fr Declan: Lord Jesus Christ you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.
All: Amen.

Fr Declan: The peace of the lord be with you always.
All: And also with you.

Fr Declan: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

All: 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.

Fr Declan: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed. May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life. May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

Fr Declan: The Body of Christ.
All: Amen.

Fr Declan: What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

Communion Antiphon

Fr Declan: Christ loved the Church and handed himself over for her to present her as a holy and spotless bride for himself.

Communion:

Prayer after Communion

Fr Declan: Let us pray.

By the power of this sacrifice, O Lord, accompany with your loving favour what in your providence you have instituted, so has to make of one heart in love those you have already joined in this holy union (and replenished with the one Bread and the one Chalice).

Through Christ our Lord
All: Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing at the End of Mass

Fr Declan: May God the eternal Father keep you of one heart in love for one another, that the peace of Christ may dwell in you and abide always in your home.
All: Amen.

Fr Declan: May you be blessed in your children, have solace in your friends and enjoy true peace with everyone.
All: Amen.

Fr Declan: May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity, so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God.
All: Amen.

Signing of the Register

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