

Suggested Readings for the Blessing of a Marital Covenant

One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings. The length of any Reading may be adapted at the discretion of the Celebrant.

Genesis 1:26-28 (Male and female he created them)
Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24 (A man cleaves to his wife and they become one flesh)
Genesis 12:1-3a,c (I will bless you so that you will be a blessing)
1 Samuel 18:1-5 (David and Jonathan)
Ruth 1:16-17 (Where you go I will go)
Song of Solomon 2:1-13 (My beloved is like...)
Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7 (My beloved speaks; many waters cannot quench love)
Ecclesiastes 4:9-11 (Two are better than one)
Tobit 8:5b-8 (That she and I may grow old together)
Romans 12:9-21 (Love one another with mutual affection)
1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Love is patient and kind)
2 Corinthians 5:16-20 (In Christ there is a new creation)
Galatians 5:13-14, 22-26 (Called to freedom; fruit of the Spirit)
Ephesians 3:14-19 (The Father from whom every family is named; rooted and grounded in love)
Ephesians 4:25-27; 29-32 (Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving)
Ephesians 5:1-2 (Walk in love, as Christ loved us)
Philippians 2:1-4 (Be of the same mind, having the same love)
Colossians 3:12-17 (Love which binds everything together in harmony)
1 John 3:18-24 (Love in truth and action)
1 John 4:7-16 (17-21) (Let us love one another for love is of God)
Revelation 19:6-9 (The Lamb's marriage supper)

Between the Readings, a Psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung or said. Appropriate Psalms are 23; 67; 100:1-5; 107:1-9; 108:1-5; 111; 112; 121; 126:1-3; 127; 128; 133; 139:1-18, 23-24; 145, and 146.

Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes)
Matthew 5:13-16 (You are the light . . . Let your light so shine)
Matthew 7:24-29 (Like a wise man who built his house upon the rock)
Mark 10:6-9, 13-16 (They are no longer two but one)
Luke 6:35-38 (Love and do good)
John 2:1-11 (The wedding in Cana of Galilee)
John 15:9-12 (Love one another as I have loved you)
John 17:1, 18-26 (That they may all be one)