

The husband and wife kneel and say together:

We thank you most gracious God, for consecrating our marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Lead us further in companionship with each other and with you. Give us grace to live together in love and fidelity with care for one another. Strengthen us all our days and bring us to that holy table where, with all those we love we will feast forever in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

People: Stand

The Celebrant then blesses them, saying

Priest:

God the father who at creation ordained that man and woman become one flesh, keep you one **Amen**

God the Son who adorned this manner of life by his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, be present with you always

Amen

God the Holy spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other strengthen your bond **Amen**

God the holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you this day and forever.

Amen.

In Celebration

A service of thanksgiving and blessing of the marriage of (Names)

Sunday (Date)

St John's Alexandra

the people remain standing while the bride and groom leave the church

People: Please stand as the bride enters

Priest: Blessed are you, heavenly Father:
All: **You give joy to bridegroom and bride**

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ:
All: **You brought new life to human kind**

Priest: Blessed are you, Holy Spirit of God:
All: **You bring us together in love**

Priest: Blessed be Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
All: **One God, to be praised forever. Amen.**

Psalm 67 (Said by all together)

- 1 Let God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us**
- 2 That your ways may be known on earth:
and your liberating power among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you O God:
Let all the peoples praise you.**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing:
for you judge the peoples with integrity
and govern the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you O God:
Let all the peoples praise you .**
- 6 Then the earth will yeild its fruitfulness:
and God our god will bless us.**
- 7 God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the earth will fear him**

**Glory to God: Father Son and Holy Spirit;
As in the beginning so now: and forever
Amen.**

Bible Reading: *"Can anything separate us from the love of
God"*
Romans: 8: 38 - 39

Collect:
Priest: Let us pray

O God you so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon N. and N., who come to renew their promises to each other, and grant them your grace, that they may so love, honour, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever Amen.

Priest:

Friends in Christ, we are gathered here with N. and N., who have come today to to give thanks for his blessing upon their marriage, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

The celebrant then asks the man

N., do you here in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to N in holy matrimony?

The man answers
I do.

The celebrant then asks the woman

N., do you here, in the presence of God and this congregation, renew the promises you made to N. in holy matrimony?

The woman answers
I do