

Come!  
Worship, Praise and Adore

*Christ the Bridegroom*



Consecration  
Prayer Service  
Celebration of Mass

December 11, 2020  
7:00pm

Ss. Cosmas & Damian Parish  
Twinsburg, Ohio  
Father Michael Stalla, Pastor

# Christ the Bridegroom Prayer Service

We will spend time in adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. While Jesus is exposed, you may draw near to Him by using the kneelers located around the sanctuary.

 Prelude: How He Loves  
John Mark McMillan 2005  
Integrity's Hosanna! Music (ASCAP)

 Exposition: Down in Adoration Falling, based on Pange Lingua, St Thomas Aquinas c. 1264.  
English translation: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

## Reading, The Song of Songs 1:15 - 2:5

*Dialogue of the Bride and Bridegroom*

*- How beautiful you are, my love, how beautiful you are!  
Your eyes are doves.*

*- How beautiful you are, my Beloved, and how delightful!  
All green is our bed.*

*- The beams of our house are of cedar, the paneling of cypress*

*- I am the rose of Sharon, the lily of the valleys.*

*- As a lily among the thistles, so is my love among the maidens.*

*- As an apple tree among the trees of the orchard, so is my Beloved among the young men. In his longed-for shade I am seated and his fruit is sweet to my taste.*

*He has taken me to his banquet hall, and the banner he raises over me is love.*

*Feed me with raisin cakes, restore me with apples, for I am sick with love.*

Commentary on the meaning of the Apple Tree, De Yarrison

 Reposition: The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
Henry W. Baker 1821-1877  
Music: St. Columba, trad. Irish melody, OCP Publishing

# Preparation Ritual

Commentary on ritual elements listed below  
by Father Michael Stalla

## **Ritual Washing Receive Wedding Garments**

🎵 The Wedding Song (There is Love)  
Paul Stookey 1971 (Renewed) Public Domain Foundation, Inc.

## **Blessing of Rings and Unity Crosses Presentation of Roses to Mary**

🎵 Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Lyrics: Julianne Malley Kuchinski  
Music: Hymn to Joy; Ludwig von Beethoven, 1770-1827

## **Consecration Commitments**

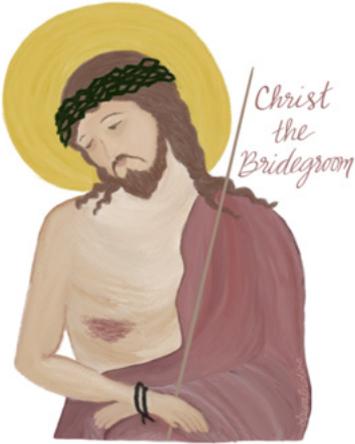
All those consecrating to Christ the Bridegroom, will read  
the commitments on next page.



*Mary, Mystical Rose of God, pray for us!*

MEN'S VERSION

# Consecration Certificate



Set me like a seal on your heart,  
like a seal on your arm. For love is  
strong as Death, jealousy relentless  
as Sheol. The flash of it is a flash  
of fire, a flame of Yahweh Himself.  
Love no flood can quench,  
no torrents drown.  
- The Song of Songs 8:6-7

From this day forward, I consecrate myself, first and foremost, to You, Christ the Bridegroom.

I give You the free, total, faithful and fruitful gift of my heart, soul, mind and body.

I pledge to strive to imitate You, Bridegroom of the Church, by loving all whom You entrust to me with the same sacrificial and selfless Love with which You have loved me.

I enthrone You, King and Eternal Spouse of my soul.

I promise to be faithful to You in prosperity and in adversity, in health and in sickness, and thus love and honor You all the days of my life.

*I shall praise Your love above wine; how right it is to love You.*

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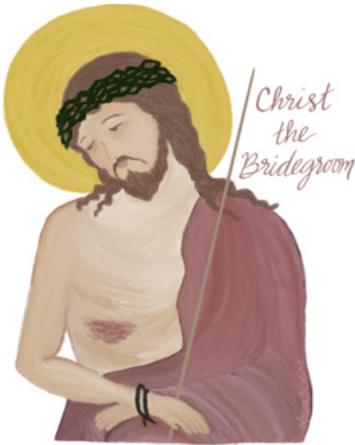
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WOMEN'S VERSION

# Consecration Certificate



Set me like a seal on your heart,  
like a seal on your arm. For love is  
strong as Death, jealousy relentless  
as Sheol. The flash of it is a flash  
of fire, a flame of Yahweh Himself.  
Love no flood can quench,  
no torrents drown.  
- The Song of Songs 8:6-7

My Beloved Bridegroom, Jesus, I have heard You calling me in  
the night, "Come then, My Love, My lovely one, come."  
Your gentle, patient loving has captivated my heart.

From this day forward, I consecrate myself, first and  
foremost, to You, as Your bride. I receive You as the spouse of  
my soul and I give You the free, total, faithful and fruitful gift of  
my heart, soul, mind and body.

My King and One, True Eternal Spouse, I promise to be faithful to  
You in prosperity and in adversity, in health and in sickness, and  
thus love and honor You all the days of my life.

*My Beloved is Mine and I am His.*

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Signature

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Date

# Celebration of Mass

## Entrance Hymn

 O Come O Come Emmanuel, Latin, 9th century, translated by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, Music adapted by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890, OCP

## Introductory Rites

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading, The Song of Songs 2:8 - 2:17

*I hear my Beloved. See how he comes leaping on the mountains, bounding over the hills. My Beloved is like a gazelle, like a young stag. See where he stands behind our wall. He looks in at the window, he peers through the lattice.*

*My Beloved lifts up his voice, he says to me, 'Come then, my love, my lovely one, come. For see, winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth. The season of glad songs has come, the cooing of the turtledove is heard in our land.*

*The fig tree is forming its first figs and the blossoming vines give out their fragrance. Come then, my love, my lovely one, come.*

*My dove, hiding in the clefts of the rock, in the coverts of the cliff, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet and your face is beautiful.'*

*Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that make havoc of the vineyards, for our vineyards are in flower.*

*My Beloved is mine and I am his. He pastures his flock among the lilies.*

*Before the dawn-wind rises, before the shadows flee, return! Be, my Beloved, like a gazelle, a young stag, on the mountains of the covenant.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

R. I will praise You Lord, for You have rescued me. (Psalm 30)

## Second Reading, Hosea 2:14 - 2:23

*“Therefore I am now going to allure her;  
I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.  
There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley  
of Achor a door of hope. There she will respond as in the days of  
her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt.*

*“In that day,” declares the Lord, “you will call me ‘my husband’;  
you will no longer call me ‘my master.’  
I will remove the names of the Baals from her lips;  
no longer will their names be invoked.  
In that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the  
field, the birds in the sky and the creatures that move along the  
ground. Bow and sword and battle I will abolish from the land,  
so that all may lie down in safety.*

*I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteous-  
ness and justice, in love and compassion. I will betroth you in  
faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the Lord.*

*“In that day I will respond,” declares the Lord—  
“I will respond to the skies, and they will respond to the earth;  
and the earth will respond to the grain, the new wine and the ol-  
ive oil, and they will respond to Jezreel. I will plant her for myself  
in the land; I will show my love to the one I called ‘Not my loved  
one.’ I will say to those called ‘Not my people,[i]’ ‘You are my  
people’; and they will say, ‘You are my God.’”*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**

**R. Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading, The Woman at the Well, John 4:1 - 4:30

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Offertory Hymn

♪ Hosea. Gregory Norbert, O.S.B., Weston Priory, 1972  
The Benedictine Foundation of the State of Vermont, Inc.

## Eucharistic Prayer

## Communion Rite

### Communion Hymn

♪ I Am the Bread of Life. John Michael Talbot, 2008, Fellowship Publications

### Song of Praise / Meditation Hymn

♪ Set Me As a Seal. Matt Maher, 2003, OCP Publications

## Concluding Rite

### Recessional

♪ Dance with Me / Glory Come Down. Heartcry of David, 2017, Heartcry of David Collective



*Happy Feast Day to  
Our Lady of Guadalupe*

*December 12, 2020*