

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

General Instructions

1. The celebrant wears kotina, sunara, urara, sande and paina.
2. There shall be a table on the Bema to keep the thali, Manthrakodi (rings, rosaries, garlands) .
3. The lamp (Nilavilakku)/ candle shall be kept ready for lighting during the ceremony.
4. The giving of peace before Gospel reading shall be done with the Gospel itself.
5. The four scriptural readings may be limited to two or three. If there are only two readings, the first shall be from the Epistles.
6. While taking pledge, the bride and bridegroom shall place their right hands on the Gospel.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

The bride, and the groom, accompanied by their relatives and friends enter the church through the main door and proceed to the Bema. With the proper liturgical vestments on and flanked by the servers, the celebrant proceeds to the Bema from the sacristy. Meanwhile, the choir sings the opening hymn.

Hymn

Melodious moments
Of Cherubian Symphony
Delicious moments
As portals of heaven
Wide open in joy.

Sanctified moments
As Heavenly Father
At Home of Eden
Paradise of Peace.

“Covenant in the beginning
Made Israel, my Beloved”.
Sanctify O! Lord
Render grace to remain
Faithful to the end.

New family in Church
Through Covenant with Christ

By Sacrament of Love
Blossom O, Lord
Each of our bough.

When the procession reaches the Bema, the deacon receives the Thali, Manthrakodi (rings, rosaries, garlands, etc.) and place them on the table. Keeping the right and the left respectively, the groom bride and the groom, flanked by two witnesses, stand in front of the Bema.

C: Glory to God in the highest. (3)

A: Amen. (3)

C: Peace and hope to people on earth,
always and forever.

A: Amen.

C: Our Father in heaven,

C&A: Holy be Your name,
Your kingdom come.
Holy, holy, holy are You.

Our Father in heaven,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day the bread we need
And forgive us our debts and sins
As we have forgiven those who offended us.
Do not let us fall into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever. Amen.

C: Our Father in heaven,

C&A: Hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come.
Holy, holy, holy are You.

Our Father in heaven,
The Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your Glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

OR

C: Our Father in heaven

C&A: Hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day the bread we need
And forgive us our debts and sins
As we have forgiven those who offended us.
Do not let us fall into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Lord God, You have called these servants to
be united in holy matrimony and to live in the
union of hearts. Graciously enrich this bride
and the bridegroom, with Your heavenly gifts,
and help them to form an ideal family that
observes Your commandments. Enable us, O

Lord, to administer this sacrament worthily for Your glory and for the good of the human race. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Psalm 45, 128

C: Hear, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear; Forget your people and your father's house. **(Canon)** Rejoice, O Church, the spouse of our Saviour, God the eternal has chosen you as His spouse by love.

A: The princess is decked in her chamber With gold-woven robes.

C: In many-coloured robes she is led to the king, Behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.

A: With joy and gladness they are led along As they enter the palace of the king. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations.

C: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine Within your house; Your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

A: Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion. All the days of your life.

C: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever, Amen.

C: **(Canon)** Rejoice O Church, the spouse of our Saviour, God the eternal has chosen you as His spouse by love.

The deacons bring the censer and frankincense. The celebrant puts some frankincense into the censer and blesses it praying in a low voice.

C: May this incense, we offer in Your honour, be blessed ✠ in the name of Your most Holy Trinity. May it be pleasing to You and obtain forgiveness of our sins for Your flock. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, forever.

D: Amen. Peace be with us.

(On Sundays and Feast Days)

C: Lord God, when the sweet fragrance of Your love wafts over us and when our souls are enlightened with the knowledge of Your truth may we be found worthy to receive Your beloved Son as He appears from the heaven. May we also glorify You and praise You unceasingly in Your Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. For You are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever.

A: Amen.

(On Days of Commemorations and Ordinary Days)

C: Lord God, for all the helps and blessings You have bestowed on us and for which we can never be grateful enough, we offer You never-ending praise and glory in the Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. You are the creator and Lord of all, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

The sanctuary veil is drawn. The server enters the sanctuary and incenses, proceeding from the left of the altar to the right. In the middle, he incenses the congregation.

C: May Christ who said: “I am the light of the world; He who follows me will not walk in darkness” be our beacon all the way.

The celebrant, lights the lamp or candle

Ch&A: Lord of all we bow and praise You
Jesus Christ, we glorify You.
For You give man glorious resurrection
And You are the one who saves his soul.

C&D: *The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.*

Lord of all we bow and praise You
Jesus Christ, we glorify You.
For You give man glorious resurrection
And You are the one who saves his soul.

Ch&A: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. From the eternity and forever. Amen.*

Lord of all we bow and praise You
Jesus Christ, we glorify You.
For You give man glorious resurrection
And You are the one who saves his soul.

OR

Choir&A: Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ, we glorify You. For You are the one who raises our bodies, and saves our souls.

C&D: *It is proper to thank You and praise Your name.*

Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ, we glorify You. For You are the One who raises our bodies and saves our souls.

Choir&A: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. From all eternity and forever. Amen.*

Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ, we glorify You. For You are the one who raises our bodies and saves our souls.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, You are truly the One who raises our bodies. You are the Savior of our souls, and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify You. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

D: Lift up your voices and sing aloud
Let us all sing His praise
Bless the Lord
Bless the Lord eternal.

Ch&A: Holy Lord of all
Holy mighty One

Holy immortal One
Have mercy on us.

C&D: *Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

Holy Lord of all
Holy mighty One
Holy immortal One
Have mercy on us.

Ch&A: *From the eternity and forever. Amen.*

Holy Lord of all
Holy mighty One
Holy immortal One
Have mercy on us.

OR

D: Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and, glorify the living God.

Choir&A: Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

C & D: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

Choir&A: *From all eternity and forever. Amen.*

Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God, You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones. We beseech You. Look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion, according to Your nature. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

D: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively.

D: A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 1:26-28

OR

2:18-24

Bows for blessing

Bless me, my Lord.

Celebrant blesses the reader saying

C: May God ✠ bless you.

OR

C: May the Lord, who enlightens us through His teachings, be glorified. May His grace always be upon you ✠ and your listeners.

Repeat this if there is more than one reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 61:10-11

OR

Proverbs 31:10-31

OR

Sirach 26:1-4,13-17

At the end of the Reading:

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God.

S: Let us stand to sing the Suraya.

Suraya

(Psalm 128:3-6)

Universe sings hymns to God
Blue horizon sings glory.

Rejoice, All sing Halleluiah
Praise and Glory Halleluiah.

Day to day sing praise to Lord
 Earth and sky sing glory to God.
 Rejoice all...

Praise to Abba praise to Son
 Praise to Holy Spirit our God.
 Rejoice all...

As in the beginning, as today
 Praise in days forever to come.
 Rejoice all...

OR

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house. Your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. From all eternity and forever. Amen.

(On Sundays and Feast Days)

C: Lord, God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of Your life-giving and divine commandments. In Your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to

our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You, Lord of all, Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

(On Other Days)

C: O Sovereign Lord, knowing everything, You are the source of every grace and blessing and the amazing provider for all in Your household. We beseech You to look upon us, bless us, and show us mercy in accordance with Your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all forever.

A: Amen.

The first deacon takes the book of the Epistles and, facing the people, says:

D: Brethren, a reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

Eph 5:20-33.

OR

1 Pet 3:1-7.

After the reading

A: Praise be to Christ Our Lord.

D: Alleluiah, Alleuia, Alleluia.

Zummara (Psalm 45)

Let us sing in unison
 Let us sing in symphony
 My heart leaps with good tidings
 Halleluiah, Praise O, God.

Let my tongue be divine pen
 Jotting down in honeyed word
 Halleluiah, songs of praise
 Novel songs in melody.

C: *(in a low voice)* Lord Jesus Christ, splendour of the Father's glory, and the image of the Father. You manifested Yourself to us in human body and illumined the darkness of our minds with the light of Your Gospel. We offer You worship, glory, and thanksgiving. Lord of all, forever. Amen.

The celebrant goes to the altar, along with the censer-bearer and the candle-bearers, and takes the Gospel saying:

C: Jesus Christ, the light of the world and the life of all, glory be to the infinite mercy that sent You to us, forever. Amen.

The celebrant proceeds to the Bema, accompanied by the candle-bearers and the censer-bearer.

C: *(in a low voice)* Lord Christ, enlighten us in Your laws, inflame our minds with Your knowledge,

and sanctify our souls with Your truth so that we may be faithful to your words and obedient to Your commandments. Lord of all, forever. Amen.

S: Let us stand and listen attentively to the Holy Gospel.

At the Bema celebrant stands facing the congregation. Two servers, with lighted candles stand on either side. The censer-bearer stands in front of the Bema and incenses during the reading.

C: Peace ✠ be with you.

A: And with You and with your spirit.

C: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, as proclaimed by...

Jn 2:1-11

OR

Mt 19:3-6

OR

Mk 10:2-9

A: Glory to You Christ, Our Lord.

At the end of the reading, the celebrant closes the Gospel, kisses it, and hands it over to the server, who lays it on the altar. The candles are returned to their respective places.

A: Glory to You Christ, Our Lord.

Homily
Karozutha

- D:** In reverence and exultation, let us pray for this bride and groom, to be united in holy matrimony, saying: “Lord, have mercy on them.”
- A:** Lord, have mercy on them.
- D:** O heavenly Bridegroom, who offered His life for His bride, the Church, bless this couple to live a life of sacrifices in mutual love and unity, we pray.
- A:** Lord, have mercy on them.
- D:** O Christ, who invites all to the spiritual banquet of the word of God, bless this couple to be partakers of the heavenly Banquet, having lived an exemplary family life according to Your precepts, we pray.
- A:** Lord, have mercy on them.
- D:** O Christ, who taught the indissolubility of marriage, bless this couple to live a happy married life of chastity and fidelity, we pray.
- A:** Lord, have mercy on them.
- D:** O Christ, who favoured the bride and the groom in the marriage feast at Cana with Your

presence, bless this couple to live a life of prayer, trusting in Your help and relishing Your graceful presence, we pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on them.

II

- S:** We beseech you to send us the angel of peace and grace.
- A:** Lord, we beseech You.
- S:** For a life without sin, and of lasting peace for Your Church, we beseech You.
- A:** Lord, we beseech You.
- S:** For the unity of love, which is the bond of perfection obtained through the fullness of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You.
- A:** Lord, we beseech You.
- S:** For the forgiveness of sins, and for graces that help our lives and are pleasing to You, we beseech You.
- A:** Lord, we beseech You.
- S:** That You may always grant us Your mercy and grace, we beseech You.
- S:** Lord, we beseech You.

- S:** Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- S:** Lord our God, we commend ourselves to you.
- C:** Lord God, bless this bride and groom to lead with success the married life they begin in joy and hope. Fill them with Your peace and make them worthy to obtain the everlasting crown You have promised Your servants. Be gracious to the parents and the dear ones who raised this couple in Your love, and bless all who participate in the sacred ceremony. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever
- C:** Amen.
- D:** *(Announcement) Dear brothers and sisters, the bride and the groom are going to be united in the sacrament of holy matrimony. The celebrant prays for himself that he may administer this sacrament worthily. In reverence and attentiveness, let us now pray in silence.*
- C:** O God, who, in the beginning, blessed man with a life-partner, we praise Your eternal providence. Strengthen me, Your servant, to administer worthily this sacrament that binds this bride and groom in love. Shower upon me Your abundant graces. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.
- A:** Amen.

Hymn Ps. 98:4, Ps. 45:11

Rejoice beloved daughter well
 Virtue adorned bridal dame
 Enter into nuptial bliss
 Into the castle, divine home.

Shedding His own flesh and blood
 Precious dowry, paid your Lord
 Sacrificing His own life
 On the Cross He earned your soul.

Bestowing His grace on you
 Cleansing all dark spots in you
 renovates your soul afresh
 Upbringing your children well.

Rejoice brethren, in His home
 With the couple, bride and Lord
 Sing in joy and harmony
 Praise and glory to His name.

The Nuptial Covenant

The celebrant, calling the bridegroom by his name asks:

- C:** *(Name of the bridegroom)* In compliance with the Law of Christ and in accord with the teachings of the Church, with free will and full consent, do you take *(Name of the bride)*, as your wife?

Bridegroom: Yes. I do.

The celebrant calling the bride by her name asks:

C: (*Name of the bride*) In compliance with the Law of Christ and in accord with the teachings of the Church, with free will and full consent, do you take (*Name of the bridegroom*) as your husband?

Bride: Yes. I do.

C: (*To the witnesses*) And you are witnesses to this?

Witnesses: Yes, we are.

C: (*To the couple*) As a symbol of this nuptial covenant, you may now join your right hands.

C: May the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob be with you. May our Lord, Jesus Christ, bind you in holy matrimony to a family life of love and oneness of minds. In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ (*blesses the couple and sprinkles holy water on the hands joined*) and of the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

Blessing the Thali

C: O Lord, You, by Your death on the cross, have earned the Church as Your bride, bless ✠ this thali that unites the bride and the groom in mutual trust and love. May this thali, the very symbol of unity, bind them to indivisible love and fullness of fidelity. May the cross, embossed on it, give them strength to bear cheerfully the sorrows of life, and to lead a life pleasing to You. May this also be a symbol of their fidelity (*sprinkles holy water upon the thali*)

A: Amen.

Blessing the Rings

C: O Lord God, bless these rings the bride and the groom exchange as symbol of their mutual love and fidelity. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. (*sprinkles holy water upon the rings*)

A: Amen.

Blessing the Manthrakodi

C: O, merciful Lord, who adorns the human soul with the enduring mantle of grace, bless ✠ this manthrakodi. Help this bride and groom to put You on through their mutual love and self-giving. O Lord, who clothed the holy Church, Your bride, in the mantle of glory, make this couple worthy to put on the robe of glory in heaven after a life of sanctity on earth
(sprinkles holy water on the Manthrakodi)

A: Amen.

The celebrant hands in the thali to the groom who ties it around the bride's neck. If rings are there the bride and groom exchange them on each other's fingers. If rosaries are there the celebrant gives them to the bride and the groom. (Garlanding may be done at this time). The celebrant gives the manthrakodi to the groom who either spreads it on the bride's head, or hands in the same to the bride. As the groom ties the Thali, the choir sings the following hymn.

Hymn

Shower of grace bestowed on you
Jesus our Lord, bridegroom of love
Merging the earth with heaven above
Proffering bliss on nuptial day.

Greetings to you
Greeting to lead
Sanctified life
As Mary and Joseph
Jesus, the child
Offered a life of penance and peace.

Greetings to you
Greetings to lead
Witnessing Life
As Sarah and Tobias
Virtuous couple
Offered a life of justice and love.

The Matrimonial Pledge

The bride and the groom place their right hands on the Gospel, and as the celebrant prompts the pledge, the couple repeats the words after him.

Bride & Bridegroom:

We pledge,/by the Holy Gospel,/
to live in love and fidelity,
and with oneness of mind,/in joy and sorrow,/
in wealth and want,/ in health and sickness,/
from this day,/ till the hour of our death,
May the Almighty God,/help us to live,/
in accord with this promise./

D: *(To the couple)* Brethren, bow your heads and receive the blessing.

*The bride and the groom bow their heads.
The celebrant, extending his right hand over them, prays:*

C: May Almighty God bless you. May He enrich you with internal beauty and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May Christ, the head of the Church, be always your sovereign and protector. May He be your friend in all your doings, and tone up your life with all mental, physical and temporal well-being. May He help you to receive gladly the children God may deign to bless you with and lead them in the path of holiness. And may He make you worthy to offer Him praise, worship and thanksgiving forever.

A: Amen.

If the Holy Qurbana is to follow, then it is resumed, beginning with Onitha d' Raze.

Concluding Prayers

C: Lord God, stretch out Your right hand of mercy upon this couple. Keep them in the shade of

Your protection. O God, Who blessed Abraham and Sarah, we thank You for the providence that bound them in indivisible unity. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen. Lord bless us.

C: Lord Christ, look favourably upon this couple. May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother, and St. Joseph, the head of the Holy Family, help them prosper in their family life. May the prayers of all the saints support them all the way. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Final Blessing

C: Blessed be God, the merciful One, who, out of His immense love, created humankind as male and female, and made them participate in the work of creation. May He, through the sacrament of holy matrimony, keep you in pure love and perfect dedication. May this sacrament empower you to offer your bodies that are members of the body of Christ and

temples of the Holy Spirit, as a pleasing and living sacrifice to God. May God bless you with the gift of children. May your home prosper in a communion of prayers. May He fill your life with graces, and help your hopes and aspirations bloom. May He grant you lots of sincere friends to help you in need. May He make you worthy to offer Him praise, honour and thanksgiving in the heavenly bridal chamber. May God bless you, the newly wed, and all who have partaken in the sacred service. Now, always ✠ (*blesses all*) and forever.

The celebrant sprinkles holy water upon the couple.

A: Amen.

The Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

General Instructions

1. It is desirable to administer this rite with a short introduction.
2. It is desirable, whenever possible, to prepare the sick persons with common reconciliation service, and then administer the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing individually.
3. Have a cross, Gospel and lighted candles on a table near the sick person. If holy Communion is given, arrange for the needful.
4. It is desirable that the oil for anointing be blessed during the celebration of the rite itself.
5. Vegetable oils like olive oil, coconut oil, gingily oil may be used for anointing.
6. If needed, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is administered.
7. The celebrant wears either kotina, sunara and urara or urara alone.