RITUAL MASSES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY MATRIMONY

according to Divine Worship: The Missal

RITUAL MASS I

Introit *Deus in loco sancto* (*Psalm 68.5b, 6, 35, 1*)

God in his holy habitation; it is he that maketh brethren to be of one mind in an house: he will give the dominion and pre-eminence unto his people. (Alleluia. Alleluia). *Ps.* Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Glory be... God in his holy habitation...

Collect

O Eternal God, we humbly beseech thee, favourably to behold thy servants *N.* and *N.* now to be joined in wedlock according to thy holy ordinance: and grant that they, seeking first thy kingdom and thy righteousness, may obtain the manifold blessings of thy grace; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Gradual *Timete Dominum* (*Psalm 34.9, 10b*)

O fear the Lord, all ye Saints of his: for they that fear him lack nothing. ℣. But they that seek the Lord: shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Alleluia *Mittat vobis* (*Psalm 20.2*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. The Lord send you help from the sanctuary: and strengthen you out of Sion. Alleluia.

Tract (*in Pre-Lent & Lent*) *Ecce sic benedicetur* (*Psalm 128, 5, 6, 7*)

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed: that feareth the Lord. ℣. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee: that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long. ℣. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon Israel.

Alleluia (*Eastertide*) *Mittat vobis* (*Psalm 20.2; 134.4*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. The Lord send you help from the sanctuary: and strengthen you out of Sion. Alleluia. The Lord that made heaven and earth: give you blessing out of Sion. Alleluia.

Offertory *In te speravi* (*Psalm 31.16, 17*)

My hope hath been in thee, O Lord: I have said, Thou art my God, my times are in thy hand. (Alleluia).

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, we beseech thee, to accept this gift which, as ordained by thy holy law of matrimony, we present unto thee: and grant that this work begun by the bounty of thy goodness, may in all things be disposed according to thy will; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord... Amen.

Communion

Beati mundo corde (*Matthew 5.8, 9, 10*)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God: blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. (Alleluia).

Postcommunion

Almighty God, we beseech thee, let thy gracious favour accompany the ordinance of thy Providence: that those whom thou hast joined in lawful wedlock, may by thy protection live in lasting peace; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord... Amen.

RITUAL MASS II

Introit

Deus Israel (*Tobit 7.8; Psalm 128.1*)

The God of Israel make you one, and may he be with you even as he had mercy of two that were the only begotten of their fathers: grant them mercy, O Lord, and finish their life in health with joy. (Alleluia. Alleluia). *Ps.* Blessed are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in his ways. Glory be... The God of Israel...

Collect

O heavenly Father, who hast taught us by thy Son that except we love one another we cannot fulfil the law: grant that obeying thy will and always being in safety under thy protection, thy Holy Ghost may lead these thy servants *N.* and *N.* in the way of love and joy and peace, even unto eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

or

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named: sanctify and bless these thy servants; and grant that those who thou by matrimony dost make one, may steadfastly keep the covenant betwixt them made, and ever remain in perfect love and peace together; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Gradual

Uxor tua (*Psalm 128.3, 4*)

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine: upon the walls of thy house. ℣. Thy children like the olive-branches: round about thy table.

Alleluia *Mittat vobis* (*Psalm 20.2*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. The Lord send you help from the sanctuary: and strengthen you out of Sion. Alleluia.

Tract (*in Pre-Lent & Lent*) *Ecce sic benedicetur* (*Psalm 128, 5, 6, 7*)

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed: that feareth the Lord. ℣. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee: that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long. ℣. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon Israel.

Alleluia (*Eastertide*) *Mittat vobis* (*Psalm 20.2; 134.4*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. The Lord send you help from the sanctuary: and strengthen you out of Sion. Alleluia. The Lord that made heaven and earth: give you blessing out of Sion. Alleluia.

Offertory *In te speravi* (*Psalm 31.16, 17*)

My hope hath been in thee, O Lord: I have said, Thou art my God, my times are in thy hand. (Alleluia).

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, we beseech thee, to accept this gift which, as ordained by thy holy law of matrimony, we present unto thee: and grant that this work begun by the bounty of thy goodness, may in all things be disposed according to thy will; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord... Amen.

Communion *Ecce sic benedicetur* (*Psalm 128, 5, 7*)

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord: yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel. (Alleluia).

Postcommunion

Almighty God, we beseech thee, let thy gracious favour accompany the ordinance of thy Providence: that those whom thou hast joined in lawful wedlock, may by thy protection live in lasting peace; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord... Amen.