Part I – Betrothal Service

*It is praiseworthy and in accord with ancient ecclesiastical custom for a Catholic young man and young woman who become engaged to have the engagement solemnized and blessed by the Church.*

**Psalm 126**

V. Unless the house be of the Lord’s building, * in vain do the builders labor.
R. Unless the Lord be the guard of the city, * in vain does the guard keep his sentry.
V. It is futile that you rise before daybreak, * to be astir in the midst of darkness,
R. You that eat the bread of hard labor; * for He deals bountifully to His beloved while they are sleeping.
V. See, offspring come from God’s giving, * a fruitful womb is the reward of His blessing.
R. Like arrows in the hand of the warrior, * are children begotten of a youthful father.
V. Happy the man who has filled with them his quiver; * they shall uphold him in contending at the gate with his rival.
R. Glory be to the Father.
V. As it was in the beginning.
**Allocution**

C. **Beloved of Christ:** It is in God’s designs that you are called to the holy vocation of matrimony. For this reason you present yourselves today before Christ and the Church, before His sacred minister and the people of God, to ratify in a formal manner your engagement. You are here to ask the blessing of God and of the Church on your proposal, and to ask the good prayers of the faithful here present. You realize that what has begun at the inspiration of your heavenly Father requires equally His grace to be brought to a happy conclusion.

We trust that you have given serious and prayerful deliberation to your promise that you will one day be married; also that you have consulted with your parents and elders. In the time that intervenes until your wedding day, may you prepare for the sacrament of matrimony by a virtuous courtship. Then, when the happy day arrives on which you will give yourselves irrevocably to each other, you will have laid a sound religious foundation for the many years you will spend together. Years that will be filled with joy and prosperity, and years that will finally give way to an eternity of joy and blessedness. May the union you purpose to consummate one day in Christian marriage be truly a sacramental image of the union of Christ with His beloved bride, the Church.

*With their right hands joined the couple repeat after the priest what follows:*

**The man first:**

In the name of our Lord, I, Tan Keng Yan Colin, promise that I will one day take you, Catherine Nathan, for my wife, according to the ordinances of God and holy Church. I will love you as I love myself. I will keep faith with you and be loyal to you, and so aid you and comfort you in all your necessities. These things and all that a man ought to do for his espoused, I promise to do for you, and to keep the promise by the faith that is in me.
**Dismissal**

All are sent out into the world, to do good works, blessing and praising God.

C. The Mass is ended. Go in peace.  
P. Thanks be to God.

**Final Hymn**

*Ave Maria*

1. As I kneel before you,  
   As I bow my head in prayer,  
   Take this day, make it yours,  
   And fill me with your love.  

   **Chorus**

   *Ave Maria! Gratia Plena!  
    Dominus Tecum, Benedicta Tu!*

2. All I have I give you,  
   Every dream and wish are yours.  
   Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,  
   Present them to my Lord.  

3. As I kneel before you,  
   And I see your smiling face.  
   Every thought, every word,  
   Is lost in your embrace.  

   **Chorus**

   *Then the woman:*

   In the name of our Lord, I, Catherine Nathan, do declare that, in the form and manner in which you have promised yourself to me, I will one day bind and oblige myself to you, and will take you, Tan Keng Yan Colin, for my husband. And all that you have pledged to me, I promise to do for you, and to keep the promise by the faith that is in me.

   *Then the priest takes the two ends of his stole and in the form of a cross places them over the clasped hands of the couple. Holding the stole in place with his left hand, he says:*

   I bear witness to your solemn proposal and I declare you engaged; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. *As he pronounces the last words he sprinkles them with holy water in the form of a cross.*

   **R. Amen.**

   *Then he blesses the engagement ring:*

   C. Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
   R. Who made heaven and earth.  
   C. The Lord be with you.  
   R. May He also be with you.  

   C. Let us pray.  
   Almighty God, Creator and preserver of the human race and the giver of everlasting salvation, may it please you to make holy this ring, which we bless + in your name; through Christ our Lord.

   **R. Amen.**

   *He sprinkles the ring with holy water.*

   **The man takes the ring and places it first on the index finger of the left hand of the woman saying:**

   In the name of the Father, then on the middle finger, adding: and of the Son, finally placing and leaving it on the ring finger he concludes: and of the Holy Spirit.
The woman does the same, and takes the ring and places it first on the index finger of the left hand of the man saying:

In the name of the Father, then on the middle finger, adding: and of the Son, finally placing and leaving it on the ring finger she concludes: and of the Holy Spirit.

The priest opens the missal at the beginning of the Canon, and presents the page imprinted with the crucifixion to be kissed, first by the man and then by the woman.

Lastly the priest extends his hands over the heads of the couple and says:

C. May God bless your bodies and your souls. May He shed His blessing on you as He blessed Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. May the hand of the Lord be on you. May He send His holy angel to guard you all the days of your life.

R. Amen.

C. This is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, But only say the word, and I shall be healed.

C. May the body and blood of Christ bring us to everlasting life.

All. Amen.

The People’s Communion

The communicant is offered the host:

C. The body of Christ.
P. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

C. Lord, may this Eucharist Accomplish in your Church The unity and peace it signifies.

P. Amen.

Concluding Rite

C. The Lord be with you.
All. And also with you.

C. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

P. Amen.
C. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom,
where you live for ever and ever.

Before they share in the same bread, the people express their love for one another, and pray for peace and unity.

All. Amen.

C. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All. And also with you.

C. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All make a sign of peace, according to the local customs.

All. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.

Part II – Mass and Holy Communion

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon: Lord, hear my voice when I call to you. You are my help; do not cast me off, do not desert me, my savior God.

The celebrant greets all present. His greeting proclaims the presence of the Lord within the community gathered here. All make the Sign of the Cross.

C. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All. Amen.

Greeting

C. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All. And also with you.

Penitential Rites

The celebrant invites the people to call their sins to mind and to repent of them.

C. My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.
All: I confess to Almighty God,  
And to you, my brothers and sisters,  
That I have sinned through my own faults.  
In my thoughts and in my words,  
In what I have done, and in what I have failed to do.  
And I ask blessed Mary, ever Virgin,  
All the angels and saints,  
And you, my brothers and sisters,  
To pray for me to the Lord our God.

C. May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All. Amen.

**Kyrie**

*A plea for mercy*

C. Lord have mercy  
All. Lord have mercy  
C. Christ have mercy  
All. Christ have mercy  
C. Lord have mercy  
All. Lord have mercy

**Gloria**

*A hymn of praise.*

All. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father.  
We worship You, we give You thanks,  
We praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
Receive our prayer.

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**Final Doxology: In Praise of God**

C. Through him,  
with him,  
in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

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**Rite of Communion**

In accordance with the Lord’s command, the faithful receive his body and blood as their spiritual food.

*In the Our Father, all pray for daily food, and for forgiveness.*

R. Let us pray with confidence to the Father  
in the words our Saviour gave us.

All. Our Father in Heaven,  
Holy be your name,  
Your Kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Do not bring us to the test,  
But deliver us from evil.

R. Deliver us Lord, from every evil,  
and grant us peace in our day.  
In your mercy keep us free from sin,  
and protect us from all anxiety,  
as we wait in joyful hope  
for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever.
The Memorial Prayer

R. In memory of his death and resurrection,
we offer you Father, this life-giving bread,
this saving cup.
We thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ,
be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Intercessions for the Church

R. Lord, remember your Church throughout the world;
make us grow in love,
together with John Paul our Pope,
Gregory our Bishop, and all the clergy.

C. Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in
the hope of rising again. Bring them and all the departed into the
light of your presence.

In Communion with the Saints

R. Have mercy on us all;
make us worthy to share eternal life
with Mary, the virgin mother of God,
with the apostles, and with all the saints,
who have done your will throughout the ages.
May we praise you in union with them,
and give you glory,
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer

C. Let us pray
[to the Father, whose love gives us strength to follow His Son]

God our Father,
We rejoice in the faith that draws us together,
Aware that selfishness can drive us apart.
Let your encouragement be our constant strength.
Keep us one in the love that has sealed our lives,
Help us to live as one family,
The Gospel we profess.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

2 Corinthians 8.1-9

Here, brothers, is the news and the grace of God which was given in the churches
in Macedonia; and of how, throughout great trials by suffering, their constant
cheerfulness and their intense poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity.
I can swear that they gave not only as much as they could afford, but far more,
and quite spontaneously, begging and begging us for the favour of sharing in the
service to the saints and, what was quite unexpected, they offered their own
selves first to God and, under God, to us.
Because of this, we have asked Titus, since he has already made a beginning, to bring this work of mercy to the same point of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection. So we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too.

It is not an order that I am giving you; I am just testing the genuineness of your love against the keenness of others.

Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: He was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty.

R. This is the word of the Lord
All. Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm**

R. My soul, give praise to the Lord
All. I will praise the Lord all my days,
Make music to my God while I live. (Response)

R. He is happy who is helped by Jacob’s God,
Whose hope is in the Lord his God,
Who alone made heaven and earth,
The seas and all they contain. (Response)

R. It is he who keeps faith forever,
Who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
The Lord, who sets prisoners free. (Response)

R. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
Who raises up those who are bowed down.
The Lord, who protects the stranger,
And upholds the widow and the orphan (Response)

**Eucharistic Prayer II**

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

R. Lord, you are holy indeed,
the fountain of all holiness.
Let your Spirit come upon these gives to make them holy,
so that they may become for us
the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**The Lord’s Supper**

R. Before he was given up to death,
a death he freely accepted,
he took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it:
This is my body, which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it.
This is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all men,
so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All. Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.
The Preface

The Celebrant continues alone:

Father, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give you thanks, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

He is the Word through whom you made the universe, the Saviour you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary.

For our sake he opened his arms on the cross; he put an end to death and revealed the resurrection. In this he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And so we join the angels and saints in proclaiming your glory.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Second Reading

Tobias 7 and 8

Tobias said: “I will not eat nor drink here this day, unless you first grant me my petition, and promise to give me Sara, your daughter.” …And Raguel, taking the right hand of his daughter, gave it into the right hand of Tobias, saying: “The God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob be with you, and may He join you together, and fulfill His blessing in you.” And taking paper they made a writing of the marriage. And afterwards they made merry, blessing God. Then Tobias exhorted the virgin, and said to her: “Sara, arise, and let us pray to God today, and tomorrow, and the next day; because for these three nights we are joined to God; and when the third night is over, we will be in our own wedlock. For we are the children of saints, and we must not be joined together like heathens that know not God.” So they both arose, and prayed earnestly both together that health might be given them.

R. This is the word of the Lord
All. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself, And he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

John 15.4-12

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: “Remain united with me, and I will remain united with you. A branch can bear no fruit of itself, that is, when it is not united with the vine; no more can you, if you do not remain united with me. I am the vine, you are the branches. One bears abundant fruit only when he and I are mutually united; severed from me, you can do nothing. If one does not remain united with me, he is simply thrown away like a branch, and dries up. Such branches are gathered and thrown into the fire to be burned. As long as you remain united with me, and my teachings remain your rule of life, you may ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it.

R. 9
This is what glorifies my Father—your bearing abundant fruit and thus proving yourselves my disciples. Just as the Father loves me, so I love you.

Be sure to hold my love. If you treasure my commandments, you will hold my love, just as I treasure my Father’s commandments and thus secure His love.

I have told you this, that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be perfect. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.”

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord
All. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts

At the beginning of the liturgy of the Eucharist, the gifts which will become the Lord’s body and blood are brought to the altar.

C. Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation.
   Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
   Which earth has given and human hands have made,
   It shall become for us the bread of life.

All. Blessed be God forever.

C. (Quietly) By the mystery of this water and wine,
   may we come to share in the divinity of Christ,
   who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

C. Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation.
   Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
   Fruit of the vine, and work of human hands,
   It will become for us our spiritual drink

All. Blessed be God forever.

C. (Quietly) Lord God, we ask you to receive us
   And be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you
   with humble and contrite hearts.

The Celebrant washes his hands saying:

C. Lord, wash away my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin.

Invitation to Prayer

The whole congregation joins Christ in acknowledging the works of God, and in offering sacrifice.

C. Pray brethren, that our sacrifice
   May be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
   For the praise and glory of his name,
   For our good, and the good of all his Church.

Prayer Over the Gifts

C. Lord God,
   In this bread and wine
   You give us food for body and spirit.
   May this Eucharist renew our strength,
   And bring us health of mind and body.

All. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

C. The Lord be with you.
All. And also with you.
C. Lift up your hearts.
All. We lift them up to the Lord.
C. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All. It is right to give him thanks and praise.