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# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**JUNE 14, 2015**

**10:00 A.M.**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE OF  
KATHRYN SIGFORD AND ROBERT LINEHAN**

**HOLY EUCHARIST (NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK)**

An introduction to today's service:

*A wedding is one of life's great moments, a time for good wishes, feasting and joy. St. John tells us how Jesus shared in such an occasion and gave there a sign of new beginnings.*

*Marriage is intended by God to be a creative relationship: God's blessing enables spouses to love and support each other in good times and bad. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is based upon a solemn, public and life-long covenant between two people, made and celebrated in the presence of God and before a priest and congregation.*

*On this, their wedding day, they face each other, make their promises with clear understanding, and receive the Church's blessing.*

*We, the congregation, are witnesses of the marriage, and express your support by your presence and your prayers. Your part is written in **bold type**. This blessing of marriage takes place in the context of Sunday worship because the Christian faith and this congregation are vitally important to Kate and Bob.*

*Some of you may not know Bob and Kate, but as with any sacrament, we are all invited to be part of the community, supporting and celebrating with those who present themselves today for the sacrament of marriage.*

*'Love is patient and kind. Love never comes to an end.'*

*Note on the liturgy: Today's liturgy is taken from the New Zealand Book of Prayer.*

*It was chosen by Kate and Bob, and it is used today by kind permission of Bishop Prior.*

*The readings and psalm are those appointed for the Sunday.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR\*

### Sunday, June 14—The Third Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite I	8:00 am	Church
St. John's Cafe	9:00 am	Library
Summer Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am	Chancel
Holy Eucharist Rite II	10:00 am	Church
Linehan-Sigford Reception	11:30 am	Gym and Kitchen

### Monday, June 15

Property Commission	4:00 pm	Library
Finance Meeting	5:00 pm	Fireside Room
Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm	Fireside Room
Men's Alanon Meeting	6:00 pm	Meditation Room

### Tuesday, June 16

Down Syndrome Support Group	6:00 pm	Gathering Space
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### Thursday, June 18

Stories AA Meeting	6:00 pm	Fireside Room
Sung Compline	7:00 pm	Church

### Sunday, June 21—The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite I	8:00 am	Church
Farmers' Market	9:00 am	St. John's Parking Lot
St. John's Cafe	9:00 am	Library
Summer Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am	Chancel
Holy Eucharist Rite II	10:00 am	Church
Coffee Hour	11:15 am	Parking Lot

\*Please visit [www.stjohnsstpaul.org/news-events/calendar/](http://www.stjohnsstpaul.org/news-events/calendar/) for a full calendar of events.

## WELCOME

### GUESTS

We are delighted that you have come to St. John's to worship God this morning. If this is your first time here, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate, or sign the Visitor's Book at the back of the church. We invite you to make St. John's your church home. Join us downstairs in the Gathering Space, directly beneath the church, for refreshments and fellowship after this service.

### NURSERY

St. John's welcomes everyone, including children of all ages, to attend the worship service. For children age 5 and younger, parents can also choose to use the nursery. Care is provided starting at 9:00 am in the Undercroft, right beneath the sanctuary. If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the church during the service, you can still hear the service in the Undercroft and Nursery. Simply ask the nursery attendant to adjust the sound. During Coffee Hour, nursery workers will supervise children who want to play in the gym. To reach the gym, follow the hall past the music room and through the double doors.

### RESTROOMS

Located in the lower level Undercroft down any set of stairs.

### THANK YOU

For silencing cell phones and other electronic equipment. Please do not use flash cameras during the worship service.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please refer to announcement insert for upcoming events.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please **silence** all devices.

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Partita on ST. ANNE*

Paul Manz

(Please stand, if able, as the chime tolls three times.)

### OPENING SALUTATION AND RESPONSE

*Celebrant* This is the day which the Lord has made.

*People* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### HYMNAL #680

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

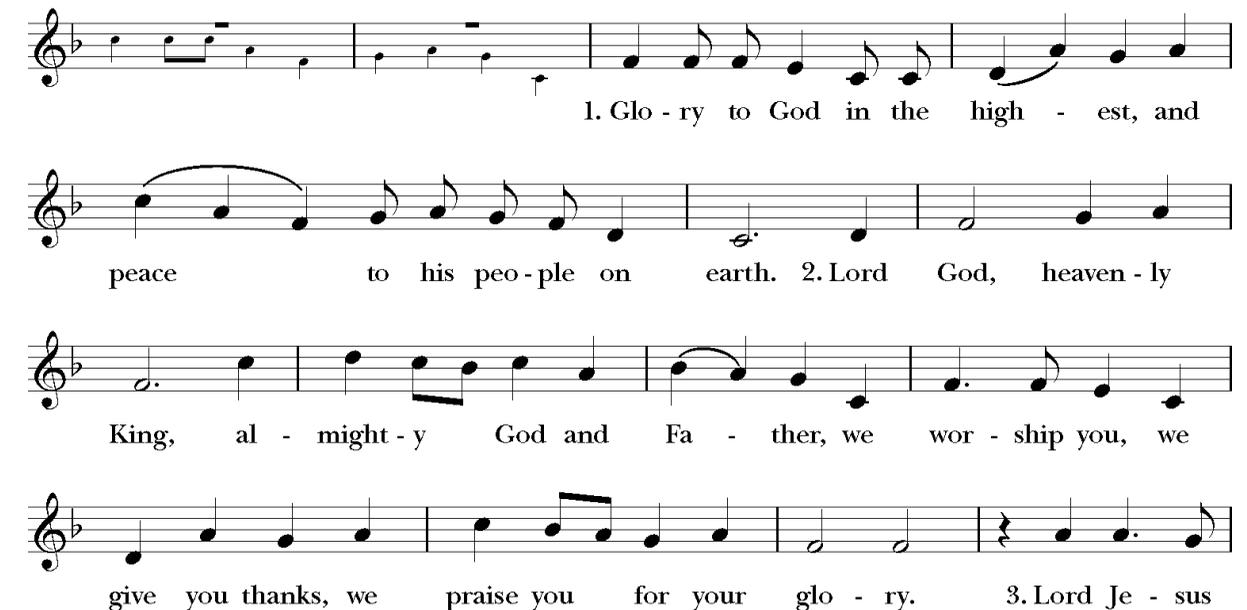
### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*People* **Amen.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** *(said by the Celebrant)*

*Celebrant* God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love,  
 that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness,  
 and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Saviour  
 Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
 now and for ever.

**People** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS—JUNE 14, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M.**

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER The Reverend Kate Bradmiller

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER CHOIR Jayson R. Engquist, Director

ALTAR GUILD Diane Power, Paige Hagstrom, Heather Joyce, Sarah K. Smith,  
 Sabine Krall, Ginny Schauss

VERGER Joan Potter

READERS Douglas Sigford, Gwenneth LaMaida, and Christopher Howie

Chalice Bearers Bob Linehan, Kate Sigford

ACOLYTES Tim, Caroline, Linnea, & Sabine Krall

USHERS Jeff & Peggy Olsen, Diane Power, Sally Sand

GREETERS Phyllis Frisby, Vern Kassekert Don Weinkauff

COFFEE HOUR Wavenly Bishop

## **INTRODUCTION AND DECLARATIONS**

We have come together to ask God's blessing on Kathryn Sigford and Robert Linehan, to witness their marriage, and to bring them our love and support.

I ask you now to pray for them, and not just to pray today or only in this place, but to pray in your hearts continually and over the years. It is praying, their praying and ours, which will fulfill God's purposes for Bob and Kate.

Praying is an outlook, a sustained energy, which creates a marriage and makes love and forgiveness life-long. Eternal love never fails; our love needs to forgive and be forgiven.

As we pray and forgive, we minister reconciliation.

Those who marry are God's ministers to each other of reconciliation and change.

As they grow together, wife and husband foster one another's strengths, they provide each other with the reassurance and love needed to overcome their weaknesses.

From this beginning God draws them now to a completely new life. They become awake to each other, aware of each other, sensitive to each other's needs.

*The celebrant says to the couple:*

Kate and Bob, you are welcome.

Pray that God will uphold and cheer your life together,  
that your promises be honoured, your words true, now and in time to come.

For our part, we ask you to make your public declaration.

*The bridegroom says:*

I love Kate, and I want to marry her.

*The bride says:*

I love Bob, and I want to marry him.

*The celebrant may say to the parents:*

Rolf, Barbara, John, and Denise, will you accept and support this marriage?

*The parents respond:*

We will. May God bless you both.

*Celebrant* May God's grace surround you and keep you all, and so we pray:

*All* **The peace of God which is beyond our understanding  
keep guard over your thoughts and hearts.**

*Celebrant* God keep you friends with one another,  
forgiving one another in kindness.

*All* **May you follow Jesus in happiness or suffering.  
May hope keep you joyful.**

**Stand firm in trouble. Be strong in prayer.**

*Celebrant* May God make you compassionate and brave.

*All* **Above all, may there always be love to bind and keep you whole.**

**FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 17: 22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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**THE PRAYERS**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Anna, Mitch, Kathleen, Linda, Roxie, Janet, Don, Wimpy

**ONGOING PRAYERS FOR**

Pat, Millie, Peter, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Terry, Christopher, Marge, Amy, Mary-Louise,  
Brad, Ben, Sam, Annie

**THANKSGIVING FOR**

The marriages of Ben & Caroline, and Bob & Kate

**PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD**

The Middle East; refugees and those who serve them, Nepal

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In thanksgiving for the lives of Theodore & Genevieve Pilacinski, and Marlene Woelfel

**IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Pray with the Anglican Church in Okigew, Nigeria; with the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; with the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop; and with the Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

**IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MINNESOTA'S CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Pray with all engaged in General Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah from June 25-July 3, with all who are embarking on mission projects during the summer in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

**AT ST. JOHN'S**

Kayoro Village, Uganda; Holy Apostles, our companion parish; Hearts to Homes families.

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* The blessing of God, Creator, Saviour and Giver of life, be with you all, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Our worship here has ended; now let our service begin.  
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Improvisation on AURELIA*

Jayson Engquist

*(You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.)*

*(Please remain seated for the psalm, sung by all.)*

**PSALM 92: 1-4, 11-14**

*Bonum est confiteri*

William Henry Walter



- 1 It is a good thing to give / thanks • to the / LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your / *Näme*, / O Most / High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness / early • in the / morning \*  
and of your faithfulness / in the / *nīght* / season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and / on the / lyre, \*  
and to the / melo- • dy / of the / harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your / acts, O / LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the / *wörks* / of your / hands.
- 11 The righteous shall / flourish • like a / palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a / *cē-*/dar of / Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the / house • of the / LORD \*  
shall flourish in the / *coürts* / of our / God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in / *öld* / age; \*  
they / shall be / green and / succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the / *LÖRD* / is, \*  
my Rock, in / whom there / is no / fault.

**SECOND READING** 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord--for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, if able, for the Gospel procession during the next hymn.)*

**HYMNAL #538**

*God of Mercy*

LUCERNA LAUDONIAE

*(Stanza 1 is sung before the Gospel reading; stanza 2 is sung after the reading.)*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *(said by all, kneeling or standing, according to your custom)*

**Almighty God, giver of all good things,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
We thank you for your love and care  
in assuring us of your gift of eternal life  
and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.**

**Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.  
And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are,  
to serve you faithfully in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE MARRIAGE BLESSING**

*Celebrant* All praise and blessing to you, God of love, creator of the universe, maker of man and woman in your likeness, source of blessing for married life.

All praise to you for you have created courtship and marriage, joy and gladness, feasting and laughter, pleasure and delight.

May your blessing come in full upon Kate and Bob.

May they know your presence in their joys and in their sorrows.

May they reach old age in the company of friends and come at last to your eternal kingdom.

*People* **Amen.**

*(Please stand, if able, for the closing hymn.)*

**HYMNAL #525**

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**FRACTION ANTHEM** *(said by all)*

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

<b>HYMNAL #329</b>	<i>Now, My Tongue</i>	PANGE LINGUA
<b>HYMNAL #615</b>	<i>“Thy Kingdom Come!” on Bended Knee</i>	ST. FLAVIAN
<b>HYMNAL #613</b>	<i>Thy Kingdom Come, O God!</i>	ST. CECILIA
<b>HYMNAL #620</b>	<i>Jerusalem, My Happy Home</i>	LAND OF REST

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL Mark 4: 26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*Gospeller* This is the Gospel of Christ.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

*A period of silence is observed following the sermon.*

*(standing, if able)*

**We believe in one God, the Father,  
the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(congregation may be seated)*

*Celebrant continues:*

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth;  
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await;  
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

*Celebrant*

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

*People*

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.  
 You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.  
 When we sinned and turned away, you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature.  
 In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.  
 Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS** *(sung by all)* Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*(Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.)*

**THE MARRIAGE**

*Celebrant* Jesus, do for Bob and Kate as you did in Cana of Galilee.  
 Take the old water, their busy individual lives,  
 and turn them into gospel wine.

*The bride and bridegroom face each other and join hands.*

*Bridegroom* Kate, I take you to be my wife.  
 All that I have I offer you;  
 what you have to give I gladly receive;  
 wherever you go I will go.  
 You are my love.  
 God keep me true to you always and you to me.

*The bride says:* Bob, I take you to be my husband.  
 All that I have I offer you;  
 what you have to give I gladly receive;  
 wherever you go I will go.  
 You are my love.  
 God keep me true to you always and you to me.

*The celebrant receives the rings and prays:*  
 Christ our light,  
 encircle these rings with your blessing,  
 rings to show the love of Bob and Kate.  
 Bind them together and keep them in your love eternally.

*The giver places the ring on the other's finger and says:*  
 Kate/Bob, this ring I give to you,  
 with my body I honour you.  
 God make me your true *husband/wife*  
 in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

*The celebrant joins their right hands together and says:*

God so join you together that nothing shall ever part you.

Blessed are you, heavenly Father,

**All: you give joy to bridegroom and bride.**

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, Jesus our Redeemer,

**All: you have brought new life to us all.**

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, Holy Spirit of God,

**All: you bring us together in love.**

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you Creator, Saviour and Giver of life,

**All: one God to be praised for ever. Amen.**

*The celebrant continues:*

Kate and Bob, may Christ's love purify your love for each other,  
Christ's humanity keep you sensitive and practical.

May the Light of the world illuminate your way ahead,  
the Bread of heaven nourish you, the true Vine enliven you.

May Christ be the beginning of a new, fulfilled and blessed life,  
and Christ the end.

*The celebrant may say to the couple:*

Bob and Kate, we welcome you now as husband and wife.

Pray, and we will pray with you.

May God enrich the life you have chosen, and fulfill your hopes.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (*standing or kneeling, according to your custom*)

*Reader* God of love and mercy,

**People** Pray with us.

**COLLECT FOR ST. JOHN'S** (*said by all*)

*Reader* Gracious God:

**People** By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy  
the good news of your Son:

**So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him**

**that we may welcome all people into this community of faith,  
and show forth our service to you in our service to others;  
through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

**THE PEACE** (*standing, if able*)

*Celebrant*  
**People**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*seated*)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All are invited to share at the Lord's table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. Gluten-free wafers are available on request of the minister distributing bread.*

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

(*Please be seated.*)

**ANTHEM**

*Locus Iste*

Anton Bruckner

*Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.*

*This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.*

**PRESENTATION**

(*sung by all, standing, if able*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

New Zealand Prayer Book

*Celebrant*

The Lord is here.

**People**

**God's Spirit is with us.**

*Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts.

**People**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**