



**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass  
Saturday 24 September 2022**

**Celebrant  
Archbishop Mark Coleridge**

God, who created hearts to love,  
Show'ring all blessings from above,  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Give these, who come to you with praise,  
Peace, love and laughter all their days.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Jesus, at Cana, gave a sign,  
Turning the water into wine:  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Sign that continues as he said:  
Love, living, risen from the dead.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Spirit of God, be at their side:  
Wisdom and comfort, guardian, guide;  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Make of their hearts a resting place,  
In every trial, gentle grace.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**Collect**

Let us pray.  
O God, almighty Father,  
for the sake of the good works they have done  
through their long life together,  
look kindly on these couples  
(with the children they have brought to life and faith)  
and, as you sealed the beginnings of their love  
by a wonderful Sacrament,  
so bless their fruitful old age.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

# Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading**

*Colossians 3:12-17*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 127*

*A. Gregory Murray OSB*



May the Lord bless and pro- tect us all the  
days of our lives.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Dom Gregory Murray OSB*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

**Gospel**

*Matthew 7:21.24-29*

**Homily**

*The Archbishop*

**Renewal of Wedding Vows**

**The Archbishop**

Brothers and sisters,  
let us now recall the day of these couples' marriage,  
when they came together to ask the Lord to seal  
and strengthen their love.

Christ has abundantly blessed their married love. He first  
consecrated them in baptism and then he enriched  
and strengthened them by a special sacrament so that they  
could fulfil the duties of marriage in mutual and lasting  
fidelity.

And so, in the presence of the Church, we now thank God for these couples who are celebrating fifty or more years of marriage.

*Couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage are invited to stand*

## **The Archbishop**

My dear friends,  
through your commitment to marriage  
you have revealed the mystery of Christ present in his body.  
Through your fidelity to each other and your service to family  
and community you have been light for the world.  
Through your forgiveness and compassion you have  
encouraged us in the ways of God.  
So I ask you this day, are you willing to continue this journey,  
committed to each other, your families and communities,  
being the light of Christ for us?

**Couples      We are**

*Couples are invited to face each other and join hands*

## **The Archbishop**

Are you willing to promise again to each other  
your love and fidelity and to commit yourselves to the  
future, with all its hopes and disappointments,  
its successes and failures, its pleasures and pains,  
its joys and sorrows?

**Couples      We are**

## **The Archbishop**

And are you, all gathered here with these couples,  
willing to offer support and encouragement as they  
continue in joy their lives together.

**All      We are**

*Those physically present and those joining through the livestream are invited to  
stand and lay hands on the couples as a sign of blessing*

## **The Archbishop**

Lord God and Creator,  
we bless and praise your name.  
In the beginning you made woman and man,  
so that they might enter a communion of life and love.  
You have blessed the union of these couples, so that they might  
reflect the union of Christ with his Church  
look with kindness on them today.  
Amid the joys and struggles of their lives  
you have preserved the union between them renew  
their marriage covenant,  
increase your love in them,  
and strengthen their bond of peace, so that  
surrounded by loved ones  
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All      Amen**

## **General Intercessions**

**Response** Lord, hear our prayer.

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Preparation of the Gifts

### Holy Holy

*Mass Shalom  
Colin Smith cfc*

*All*  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of  
hosts. Hea - ven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for 'Holy Holy' is written in treble clef. It begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The first line of music is marked 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of'. The second line continues with 'hosts. Hea - ven and earth are full of your'. The third line is in 4/4 time and contains 'glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth line continues with 'Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the'. The fifth line is in 4/4 time and contains 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The score ends with a double bar line.

### Memorial Acclamation

*ICEL #1*

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion  
un-til you come a-gain.

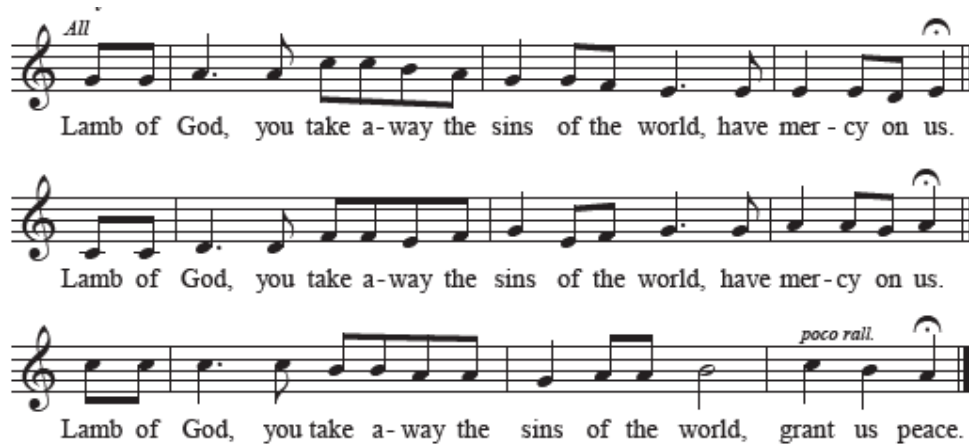
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### Amen

# The Lord's Prayer *Sung*

## Lamb of God

*Mass Shalom*  
Colin Smith cfc



*All.*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

*poco rall.*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## Holy Communion

### Communion Solo

*Panis Angelicus—Cesar Franck (1822-1890)*

### Communion Hymn

CWB 139

O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,  
Lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne,  
That theirs may be the love which knows no ending,  
Whom thou forevermore dost join in one.

O perfect Life, be thou their full assurance,  
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,  
Of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance,  
With childlike trust that fears nor pain, nor death.

Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow,  
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife,  
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow,  
That dawns upon eternal love and life.

## Prayer After Communion

### Solemn Blessing

**The Archbishop** Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.  
May God, the almighty Father, give you joy.

**All** **Amen.**

**The Archbishop** May the only Son of God have mercy on you  
and help you in good times and in bad.

**All** **Amen.**

**The Archbishop** May the Holy Spirit always fill your hearts  
with love.

**All** **Amen.**

**The Archbishop** May almighty God bless you,  
the + Father , and the + Son,  
and the + Holy Spirit.

**All** **Amen.**

**The Archbishop** Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

### Organ Postlude

*Wedding March from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'*  
- Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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this special occasion please meet our photographer  
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