The Nuptial Mass celebrating the union of

###### **Bride**

###### and

###### **Groom**

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In the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

DAY, DATE at TIME

St. John’s Church, Creighton University

Rev. PRIEST’S NAME, Presider

Thank you for coming to our wedding celebration.

It means a great deal to us that you are witnesses to our marriage vows.

This program will serve as a guide to the order of the service.

We encourage you to participate in the celebratory blessing of this liturgy with full heart and voice. All music can found in the hymnals located in the pews or

reprinted in this program. Numbers above #800 are in the supplement at the back of the hymnals in St. John’s.

In order to respect the dignity of the ceremony, we ask that there is no flash photography during the service.

Additionally, please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

Thank You

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| **The Wedding Party** |
| **GrandParents of the Groom**Names | **GrandParents of the Bride**Names |
| **Parents of the Groom**Names | **Parents of the Bride**Names |
| **best man**Name*Relationship to the Couple* | **maid of honor**Name*Relationship to the Couple* |
| **Groomsmen**Name*Relationship to the Couple*Name*Relationship to the Couple* | **Bridesmaids**Name*Relationship to the Couple*Name*Relationship to the Couple* |
| **Ring Bearer**Name*Relationship to the Couple* | **Flower Girl**Name*Relationship to the Couple* |
| **Ushers**Name*Relationship to the Couple* |

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| **Ministers of the Liturgy** |
| **Celebrant** Rev. Priest’s Name | **Altar Server** Name*Relationship to the Couple* |
| **Cantor**Name | **Piano / Organ**Name |
| **Lector**Name*Relationship to the Couple* | **Lector**Name*Relationship to the Couple* |
| **Gift Bearer**Name*Relationship to the Couple* | **Gift Bearer**Name*Relationship to the Couple* |
| **Ministers of Holy Communion**Name*Relationship to the Couple* | **Ministers of Holy Communion**Name*Relationship to the Couple* |

**Preludes**

**(Seating of the Generations Title** (Composer))

**Introductory Rites**

**Greeting**

*The priest greets the couple at the door and invites the Church to share in their joy.*

**Gathering Hymn ###Title** (Composer)

*Please stand and join in singing as the Wedding Party enters the church.*

**Opening Prayer**

**Glory to God ### Mass Setting** (Composer)

*After singing, please be seated.*

**Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading Scripture Citation**

 *Lector:* The word of the Lord.

 *All respond:* Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm ## ### Title** (Composer)

**Second Reading Scripture Citation**

 *Lector:* The word of the Lord.

 *All respond:* Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation ### Title** (Composer)

*Please stand and join in singing to greet the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading Scripture Citation**

 *Priest:* The Lord be with you.

 *All respond:* And with your spirit.

 *Priest:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to NAME.

 *All respond:* Glory to you, O Lord.

 *The priest proclaims the Gospel.*

 *Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

 *All respond:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Homily**

*Please be seated.*

**Rite of Matrimony**

**Statement of Intentions**

*The priest asks the couple about their freedom of choice, fidelity to each other, and the acceptance and upbringing of children.*

**Consent & Reception of Consent**

*When the couple have declared their consent and entered into the sacrament of*

*matrimony, the priest invites those present to praise God.*

 *Priest:* Let us bless the Lord!

 *All respond in song:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Blessing & Giving of Rings**

*The couple exchanges rings as a sign of their unending fidelity to each other and of God’s unending love.*

**Blessing & Giving of the *Arras***

*The arras, or wedding coins, represent the couple’s promise to provide for each*

*other’s needs and their commitment to care for those who come to them seeking*

*kindness.*

**(Hymn of Praise ### Title** (Composer))

*Please join in singing in celebration.*

**Prayer of the Faithful**

*Please stand as we pray for the world, the Church, the gathered community, and the new family.*

 *All respond to each prayer:* Lord, hear our prayer.

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of the Gifts ### Title** (Composer)

*As the priest prepares the offerings of bread and wine, we offer our lives in prayer.*

*Priest:* Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours

 may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

 *All respond:* 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 holy Church.

 *The priest prays over the offerings.*

 *All respond:* Amen.

**Preface**

 *Priest:* The Lord be with you.

 *All respond:* And with your spirit.

 *Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

 *All respond:* We lift them up to the Lord.

 *Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 *All respond:* It is right and just.

**Eucharistic Acclamations Mass Setting** (Composer)

 **### Holy, Holy, Holy** *Please kneel or be seated after singing.*

 **### Memorial Acclamation**

 **### Great Amen** *Please stand after singing.*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Blessing & Giving of the *Lazo***

*The tradition of the lazo, or cord and veil, is a visual representation that what God has joined, no one may divide.*

**Nuptial Blessing**

*The priest blesses the new spouses as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time as a married couple.*

**Sign of Peace**

 *Priest:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

 *All respond:* And with your spirit.

 *The priest invites the congregation to share a sign of peace with each other.*

 *Please kneel or be seated after sharing a sign of peace.*

**Lamb of God ### Mass Setting** (Composer)

 *Priest:* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

 *All respond:* Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**Communion Hymns ### Title** (Composer)

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*Receiving Christ in the Eucharist is the primary sacrament of unity for Catholics. All are welcome to join in the procession. If you are not receiving the Eucharist, please indicate this by approaching with your arms crossed over your heart to receive a blessing.*

**(Communion Meditation Title** (Composer))

*(Please join the bride and groom in prayer for the Blessed Mother’s intercession on their behalf.)*

**Prayer after Communion**

**Concluding Rites**

**Final Blessing**

*Please stand.*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

 *All respond:* And with your spirit.

 *The priest blesses the people.*

 *All respond:* Amen.

 *The priest sends the people out to love, serve, and praise.*

 *All respond:* Thanks be to God.

**Sending Forth ### Title** (Composer)

**(Postlude Title** (Composer))

Thank You

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to all of you

for helping us make this day a joyous celebration,

especially our parents who gave us life;

our families who shared our life;

our relatives and friends who helped us

to reach this special day.

We are honored you can share these sacred

and joyous moments with us today.

May God bless each one of you.

Bride & Groom