

*The Marriage of
Dino Alzadon and Stephan Smith*



Sunday, September 18, 2022

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting

☩. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟. Amen.

☩. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

℟. And also with you.

Opening Prayer

☩. Let us pray.

Our Father, love has been your richest and greatest gift to the world. Love between two souls which matures into marriage is one of your most beautiful types of loves. Today we celebrate that love. May your blessing be on this wedding service. Protect, guide, and bless Dino and Stephan in their marriage. Surround them and us with your love now and always.

℟. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (*1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13*)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues
but do not have love,
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

Nuptial Blessing

☩. Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross to be the way of life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon Dino and Stephan. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

℟. Amen.

Kiss of Peace

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

℟. And also with you.

The couple may kiss and exchange greetings with all present.

LITURGY OF MATRIMONY

Declaration of Intent

Ÿ. Dino, will you have Stephan to be your husband, to live with him, respect him, and love him as God intends with the promise of faithfulness, tenderness, and helpfulness as long as you both shall live?

Ř. I will.

Ÿ. Stephan, will you have Dino to be your husband, to live with him, respect him, and love him as God intends with the promise of faithfulness, tenderness, and helpfulness as long as you both shall live?

Ř. I will.

Wedding Vows

Dino and Stephan exchange their vows.

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Ÿ. Lord bless and consecrate Dino and Stephan in their love for each other. + May these rings be a symbol of true faith in each other, and always remind them of their love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Ř. Amen.

Dino and Stephan repeat these words as they exchange rings.

_____, **I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

And if I have the gift of prophecy
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;
if I have all faith so as to move mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.
If I give away everything I own,
and if I hand my body over so that I may boast
but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, love is not pompous,
it is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.
If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing;
if tongues, they will cease;
if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.
For we know partially and we prophesy partially,
but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.
When I was a child, I used to talk as a child,
think as a child, reason as a child;
when I became a man, I put aside childish things.
At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror,
but then face to face.
At present I know partially;
then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.
So faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Ř. Thanks be to God.

Psalm (145:2-3,8-9,17-18)



R. The Lord is near to all who call up - on him.

Every day I will bless you
and I will praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The Lord is good to all;
and compassionate toward all his works.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The Lord is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

Gospel (John 15:12-17)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Ÿ. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
“This is my commandment: love one another as I love
you.
No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
You are my friends if you do what I command you.
I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.
I have called you friends,
because I have told you everything I have heard from my
Father.
It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may
give you. This is my command: Love one another.”

Ÿ. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily