

## Renewal of Marriage Vows on the Anniversary of a Marriage

### *The Collect*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
you gave marriage to be a source of blessing to mankind:  
We thank you for the joys of family life:  
May we know your presence and peace in our homes,  
fill them with your love,  
and use them for your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *The Epistle : Colossians 3:12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together 'm perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called 'm the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him

### *The Psalm 67*

- 1 Let God be gracious to us and bless us: and make his face shine upon us,
- 2 That your ways may be known on earth: your liberating power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you 0 God: let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing: for you judge the peoples with integrity and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you 0 God: let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:  
and God our God will bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us: and all the ends of the earth will fear him.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now: and shall be for ever. Amen.

### *The Gospel: John 15:9-12*

Jesus said: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide 'm his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

*After the Readings the Priest addresses the congregation in these or similar words.*

Friends in Christ,  
we are gathered together with ... and ...  
who have come today to give thanks for God's blessing upon them,  
and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

Let us pray.  
Gracious and everliving God,  
look with favour on ... and ...  
who come to renew the promises  
they made at their wedding.  
Grant them your blessing,  
and assist them with your grace,  
that with steadfast love  
they may continue to honour and keep their vows;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*... and ... stand before the rector, who asks them in turn the following question, to which each immediately makes response,*

A /B, do you here,  
in the presence of God and this congregation,  
renew the commitment you made  
when you bound yourself to B / A in holy matrimony?

I do.

*... and ... kneel and say together,*

**Gracious God,  
we remember with thanksgiving  
our vows of love and commitment  
to you and to each other in marriage.  
We pray for your continued blessing.  
May we learn from our joys and sorrows,  
and discover new riches in our life together in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The rector then blesses them.*

A and B may the power of God keep you, the love of God be in your life and work together, the grace of God strengthen your love that it may endure for ever. Amen.

*The Communion Service continues with this Intercession*

As ... and ... give thanks for their married life together, let us pray that God will keep them and all other married couples faithful to their marriage vows.

That they may live and grow together in love and peace all the days of their life,  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

That they may continue truly and faithfully perform those vows which they have made together in your sight,  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

May their life together be a witness to your love in this troubled world; may unity overcome division,  
forgiveness heal injury, and joy triumph over sorrow,  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

May their home be a place of love, security and truth,  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

For their children, ... and ..., their families and friends, and all who share with them in the happiness of this  
day,  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

For your Church, the Bride of Christ, that it may be united with him in love and faithfulness,  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We remember with thankfulness our relatives and friends departed this life in your faith and fear, and we  
pray that we may share with them the joys of your eternal kingdom,  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

**Merciful Father,**  
**accept these our thanksgivings and prayers**  
**for the sake of your Son**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The service continues with The Peace*