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Beloved, let us love one another for love is from God;

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

WELCOME

Blessings to you as you begin to plan this important event and prepare for your new life together. We at St. Gregory's wish to support you joyfully and lovingly in this process. The following customary will assist you in making plans and preparations in accordance with the customs and traditions of the Episcopal Church as well as with the policies and guidelines of the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida and St. Gregory's Church. If you have questions or need additional guidance, please contact our Wedding Coordinator or the officiating clergy person at any time.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE AND WORSHIP AT ST. GREGORY'S

Christian marriage is a solemn and public covenant between a man and a woman in the presence of God. It is a relationship lived out in love, trust and forgiveness in which God's grace can come to be known in concrete and life-giving ways. The marriage ceremony reflects these understanding. A marriage at St. Gregory's is a sacred time of worship giving God thanks and praise for the love that has been poured into our lives. It is an occasion of both great joy and dignity. The marriage service is contained in The Book of Common Prayer or supplemental liturgies approved by the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida.

The Episcopal Church teaches that Holy Matrimony is a union "entered into within the community of faith." It is expected that, under normal circumstances, those who marry at St. Gregory's Church will nurture their marriage through active participation in this worshiping community or in another community of faith.

The Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida permits clergy to perform the blessing of same gender marriages. Couples interested in seeking the church's blessing must follow the guidelines outlined in this customary.

INITIAL REQUIREMENTS AND FIRST STEPS

The following requirements must be met in order to perform a marriage ceremony at St. Gregory's:

- In the Episcopal Church it is required that at least one of the parties entering into the marriage must be a baptized Christian.
- The ceremony must be attested by at least two witnesses.
- The marriage must conform to the laws of the state of Florida and the canons (rules and laws) of this church and the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida.
- Sixty days' notice for a marriage is normally required. However, it is recommended to contact the church as far in advance as possible in order to reserve the date on the church calendar.
- St. Gregory's does not normally conduct weddings during the season of Lent, the forty day season that precedes the celebration of the Resurrection.
- No weddings on Saturdays are scheduled after 5 PM.

Please contact the office of St. Gregory's at office@st-gregorys.com or 561-395-8285 to schedule an informational meeting with one of our clergy or the Wedding Coordinator for St. Gregory's. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the guidelines for marriages and to check the availability of the church and clergy for the proposed date for the ceremony. No arrangements, which involve the church, church facilities or the clergy member who will perform the ceremony, are to be announced until clergy approval has been received.

REMARRIAGE OR DIVORCED PERSONS

In the Episcopal Church it is necessary to receive the Bishop's consent prior to officiating at the marriage in which either or both of the parties has been divorced from a spouse who is still living. As part of this process, it is necessary to have copies of all relevant divorce decrees. Unless there are extreme extenuating circumstances, it is customary that there is a least one year between the date of the final divorce decree and the date of the wedding.

The application forms that are required to receive the Bishop's consent are located in the appendix of this customary. These are to be completed and returned to the priest who will officiate at the wedding at least sixty days prior to the proposed wedding date.

PREMARITAL COUNSELING

The Episcopal Church believes that adequate preparation is critical to having a successful marriage. It is mandatory that both parties participate in all marriage preparation sessions. The schedule for sessions must be arranged with the clergy person who will officiate at the wedding. The premarital preparations process normally consists of three sessions (one hour each) in addition to the initial informational meeting. Topics covered in these sessions include: the Christian understanding of marriage the basic principles of healthy and holy relationships, and the details planning the worship service. At the clergy person's discretion, additional sessions with the clergy member or a qualified professional counselor may be recommended or required. The clergy also reserve the right to delay or not proceed with the marriage.

THE CLERGY AND WORSHIP PLANNING

The Rector of St. Gregory's Church is in charge of all weddings at the church. All plans for the wedding ceremony must be made in consultation with the Rector or one of the clergy on staff at St. Gregory's Church and with the Wedding Coordinator who serves as the clergy's representative. Episcopal clergy from other churches within the Diocese of Southeast Florida (and from outside the Diocese with the permission of the Bishop of the Diocese of Southeast Florida) may be invited to assist at a wedding. A clergy person from any other Christian denomination may also be invited to assist. When clergy who are not part of the staff of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church are to be invited, the Rector or one of the St. Gregory's clergy will issue the invitation to the guest priest/pastor and will participate in the service.

Currently, there is no firm policy at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church that prohibits its clergy from presiding at weddings in locations other than Saint Gregory's Episcopal Church (e.g. an outdoor garden). However, it should be noted that the most appropriate place for a wedding is the church, the chapel, or the outdoor chapel. It is appropriate to begin and proclaim physically the covenant of marriage in the place where it will be spiritually nurtured.

Holy Eucharist (the sacrament of Holy Communion) is a very meaningful way for Christians to mark the beginning of their married lives together. The word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving". By setting the wedding in the context of the Eucharist there is a focus on giving thanks to God for the gift of love and for this relationship. Whether or not to have Eucharist at the wedding is a decision that should be made by the couple with the advice of the officiating priest. If Holy Communion is planned as a part of the ceremony, it will be available to all present at the ceremony who are baptized and desire to receive the sacrament.

MUSIC

Music, though customary, is not required at a marriage ceremony. However, it can be a beautiful and joyful part of the occasion. In planning for music, it is important to bear in mind that the marriage ceremony is a holy worship service.

The Rector, in consultation with the Director of Music Ministry, Mr. Timothy Brumfield, is responsible for all music at the church. Only music appropriate for Christian worship is to be used, whether instrumental or vocal. The rector has the final say as to the appropriateness of all music used.

The couple should make an appointment with the Director of Music Ministry at least one month prior to the wedding to discuss music. Mr. Brumfield can be emailed at tbrumfield@st-gregorys.com or by calling the church office at 561-395-8285. If a soloist or additional musicians are desired, the couple can discuss this with the organist during their meeting (s).

Please note that St. Gregory's Church Organist will play for all weddings at the church. If the Church Organist is unable to play for the service, it is his responsibility to designate a substitute organist and to inform the Rector, the Wedding Coordinator, and the couple about alternate arrangements.

FLOWERS AND OTHER DÉCOR ITEMS

Flowers are a traditional part of worship services at St. Gregory's. Wedding flowers and other décor typically represent the couple's favorite types and colors of flowers and coordinate with the bridal party's attire. The couple's preferences are accommodated in accordance with St. Gregory's policies.

In the Episcopal Church, the Altar Guild maintains and prepares the altar and its furnishings for all services, and it supervises all floral and other decorations in the church. Please discuss your requests for floral arrangements, pew adornments or any other items with the Wedding Coordinator who will confer with the Altar Guild and clergy to assure that St. Gregory's worship standards are met.

For Saturday weddings, it is possible to use the two Sunday floral altar arrangements placed in their usual position. While there is no fee, please note that there also is no choice of types or colors of flowers that will be used.

When a couple, their families or friends sponsor the Sunday flowers the standard donations is \$125 for two arrangements, the Altar Guild will request specific colors and flowers provided there is no liturgical calendar conflict.

Enhancements to the regular Sunday flowers, i.e. larger, more elaborate arrangements with premium flowers (orchids, calla lilies, specific varieties of roses, tropical blooms, etc.) can be ordered and will be billed to you at the actual cost St. Gregory's pays.

Donations for Sunday Altar flowers are tax deductible. Note that the altar flowers are made into small arrangements for delivery to hospitals, nursing homes and homebound parishioners. Please discuss your wishes with the Wedding Coordinator.

IMPORTANT DÉCOR GUIDELINES

- Florist information (name, contact person, telephone number) must be given to the Wedding Coordinator. Designs for altar arrangements must comply with St. Gregory's policies and containers must rest securely on the church's flower stands.
- Please note that if floral or other decorations are determined to be inappropriate upon delivery, the Altar Guild reserves the right to make any adjustments necessary to maintain St. Gregory's standards for worship. Absolutely nothing can be placed on the altar. No artificial flowers or greenery may be used in the nave, chancel or sanctuary. Any questions or issues should be discussed with the Wedding Coordinator, and approval should be obtained before placing décor orders.
- Items related to worship located anywhere in the church cannot be moved or covered to accommodate photographers. For example, the crèche at the base of the altar remains in place, fully visible from Christmas Eve through Epiphany.
- Boca by Design, St. Gregory's florist, is knowledgeable about all of the church's floral décor policies as well as the space. If using Boca by Design, it is important to coordinate with our account representative. This is true even if you are working with another BBD designer. ONLY the St. Gregory's account representative can arrange access to the church for delivery and post-service cleaning. Please call the church office for contact information.
- Floral arrangements, in addition to the standard altar arrangements, will be considered. All details must be discussed with and approved by the Wedding Coordinator.
- Florists must deliver and/or work at a time agreed upon with the Wedding Coordinator to assure that the church is open. The Altar Guild has final responsibility for approving placement of all décor.
- Floral pew markers are permitted and must be installed and removed at agreed upon times.
- Tacks, nails, florist tape or other adhesives may not be used anywhere in building.
- Aisle runners are not permitted because of the danger of tripping. A kneeling cushion is provided by St. Gregory's for all weddings, whether in the church or chapel.

- Failure to meet agreed upon clean up requirements within the specified time will result in forfeiture of the deposit as provided in the contract.

RECEPTION VENUE

Harris Hall, a three-section venue consisting of a courtyard, attractive hall and patio, is available for receptions and other wedding-related events. The hall comfortably accommodates up to 150 guests for a seated meal plus a dance floor. The adjoining courtyard and patio offer pre-banquet serving options for beverages and hors d'oeuvres. The \$2,200 rental fee includes use of the spaces and commercial kitchen for pre-event set-up, up to five hours of event time, pre- and post-event cleaning, church security and reserved guest parking.

Because scheduled church events have priority, early reservations are essential. A non-refundable deposit is due at contract signing. Any companies or individuals that provide services for an event (caterers, decorators, musicians, photographers etc.) must comply with all terms specified in the St. Gregory's contract. St. Gregory's strictly enforces its alcoholic beverage policy. If you wish more information about the venue and other services available through the church, please ask the Wedding Coordinator to arrange a meeting with the Special Events Group.

PHOTOGRAPHY

As a sacramental rite of the Church, the marriage service is not to be interrupted or disturbed by the distraction of videoing or photographs being taken. It is the couple's responsibility to review these instructions with their photographer so that there will be no misunderstanding at the time of the wedding. St. Gregory's requests that the photographer's contact information be provided to the Wedding Coordinator so that he/she can review the policies with the photographer if necessary.

Please adhere to the following photography guidelines:

- Photographs taken prior to the ceremony must be concluded 30 minutes prior to the ceremony.
- The photographer or videographer should be instructed that flash equipment must never be used inside the church at any time after guests have begun to be seated for the ceremony or during the ceremony itself. Time exposures (not requiring a flash) from a tripod in the rear aisle of the church or choir loft may be taken during the service as long as there is no distraction. These time exposures, however, should not be taken during any periods of prayer within the marriage rite. Videoing only from designated positions is permitted.

- Because wedding guests occasionally attempt to take flash photographs during the marriage service, a message reminding guests that there are to be no photographs taken during the ceremony will be included in the bulletin and announced by the priest. Ushers will be asked to remind guests arriving with cameras that they are not to take photographs inside the church once the candles have been lit.
- A limited number of flash photographs (not to exceed those that can be taken within a 30 minute period) may be taken of the wedding party after the service inside the church. Photographs taken after the ceremony should be limited to the wedding party and families.
- The photographer/videographer is a guest of the church at the wedding ceremony and is expected to observe the rules adopted by the Church.
- The photographer/videographer is encouraged to keep equipment with him/her at all times. The church cannot be responsible for loss or damage.
- St. Gregory's offers the option of live streaming the wedding ceremony. Please discuss this option with the Wedding Coordinator.

THE MARRIAGE LICENSE

Procuring a marriage license from the state of Florida is mandatory. A marriage license is the instrument that conveys the authority of the state to the clergy person to officiate at the ceremony. Without a marriage license the priest cannot proceed; it is illegal to do so. The marriage license must be given to the appropriate clergy person at or before the time of the wedding rehearsal. It is the responsibility of this clergy person to complete the license and return it to the county office. The county office, in turn, will return the original license to the married couple.

FEES AND EXPENSES

Fees are charged to cover the additional costs that the church incurs for a wedding (e.g., the services of custodians, organist, Altar Guild, and other). The basic fee for a wedding at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church is \$800 for church members and \$1,200 for non-members. For parishioners, this covers the services of the Sexton (custodian), the Wedding Coordinator, and the Altar Guild for both the rehearsal and the service. For non-members, an additional mandatory fee of \$250 is added for the wedding coordinator's services (up to 15 hours of telephone and in-person consultations including the rehearsal and ceremony).

Other standard fees are: Organist-\$300 for the ceremony. Other vocal or instrumental musicians, \$150 per person. If musicians are requested to play for the rehearsal, the fee for each person is an additional \$100.

Wedding ceremonies can be streamed live. The fee for this service is \$500.

It is customary, but not mandatory, for the couple or their families to offer an honorarium to the officiating clergy. The suggested honorarium is \$300.

Important: Please note that all fees are due at least one week prior to the wedding.

THE WEDDING REHEARSAL

The main purpose of the wedding rehearsal is to prepare participants for the marriage service and the space in which it is conducted.

The clergy of St. Gregory's or their designated representatives will conduct the rehearsal. If a guest clergy person is the officiant, a member of St. Gregory's clergy or St. Gregory's Wedding Coordinator will be present at the rehearsal to offer guidance and support.

The time for the wedding rehearsal should be determined in consultation with the clergy; this is usually arranged during one of the premarital counseling sessions. Rehearsals are normally scheduled for either 5:00 PM or 6:00 PM on the evening preceding the wedding. No rehearsal is scheduled after 6:00 PM. Rehearsals will begin promptly at the assigned time. Please remember that it is very important that all wedding participants be on time for the rehearsal.

If there are two weddings scheduled for the same day, the wedding party whose ceremony was first placed on the church calendar will have the first choice of rehearsal times.

Private wedding consultants and/or florists are not needed at either the rehearsal or the wedding. They are, of course, welcome to attend to the couple's needs before the actual ceremony. If a wedding consultant is utilized, it must be clearly understood that she/he will work under the direction of the clergy and St. Gregory's Wedding Coordinator.

Each party of the couple must be full, active participants in the rehearsal. The use of "stand ins" for either member of the couple at the time of the rehearsal is not permitted.

Photographs during the rehearsal may only be taken with the officiating clergy's approval and must be confined to designated approved areas of the church and grounds.

THE WEDDING DAY

DRESSING AREAS

There is a dressing room on the church premises available for use by the wedding party. The dressing room is customarily opened two hours prior to the wedding. If alternate arrangements need to be made, please discuss this ahead of time with the Wedding Coordinator.

St. Gregory's Church cannot be responsible for purses, valuables or any other items that are left in the dressing areas. All dressing areas must be cleared immediately following the wedding.

USHERS

Ushers are expected to be in the back of the church 45 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. They should begin seating the guests as soon as they arrive.

ALCOHOL AND BEVERAGE POLICY

No alcoholic beverages are allowed anywhere in the church or on the church grounds. The use of alcohol may be permitted as part of a reception at the church in accordance with the church's policy. No smoking is allowed anywhere in church buildings.

A FINAL WORD

We hope that you will find these guidelines helpful as you anticipate and plan this wonderful event in your life. We want you to know that we view your wedding day in this community of faith with the seriousness and care it deserves. We pray for God's blessing on your life together.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

CHURCH ADDRESS: 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton, FL 33432 (street address)

PO Box 1503, Boca Raton, FL 33249 (Mailing address)

CHURCH WEBSITE: www.stgregorysepiscopal.org

CHURCH PHONE: 561-395-8285

CHURCH EMAIL: office@stgregorys.com

DIOCESE OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

This DECLARATION to be signed by BOTH Partners

Of the Intended Marriage

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

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

We, _____ and _____,

Desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of husband and wife as is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.

“We believe that the union of Husband and wife, in heart, body and mind, is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God’s will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. And we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God’s helped thereto.”

Signature of Groom

Signature of Bride

Date

DIOCESE OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

Application for consent for remarriage in the church after divorce: Under the provisions of Title I, Section 3C of the General Convention, Episcopal Church.

I THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE – To be filled out by CLERGY

1. Parish and address: _____

2. Priest requesting _____

3. Date applicants first came to see you: _____

4. Names and addresses of applicants:

Man: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Woman: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

5. Church membership of the applicants:

Man's religious affiliation: _____ Active: _____

Parish and Address: _____

Woman's religious affiliation:

_____ Active: _____

Parish and Address: _____

6. Which of the applicants have been married before?

7. Have they approached any other minister about this proposed marriage before coming to you? _____

8. If YES, give details: _____

9. Have you consulted with the priest at the applicant's church?

If NOT, why not? If YES, what was their advice and counsel concerning the proposed marriage?

10. Date of proposed marriage: _____

11. Have you had at least 60 days' notice of their intention?

_____?

If NOT, please tell the urgent reason for the exception you are proposing: _____

12. Have you given premarital instruction to this couple, which you feel to be adequate to their need?

13. Have you set a definite date for post-marital counseling with the applicants? _____

14. What factors make you think the proposed marriage will be successful?

15. In your opinion is (are) the previous marriage (s) psychologically and practically ended?

16. Is (are) the previous marriage(s) ended by termination or annulment? _____

Why?

17. Are you satisfied that adequate provisions have been made for any children resulting from the previous marriage (s)?

18. What problems do you see ahead?

19. Do you think the applicants are dealing soundly with the realities and potential problems?

20. What do you think the divorced applicant(s) has (have) learned from the previous marriages(s) which will help the proposed marriage succeed?

21. Please attach a copy of all divorce decrees. (You may want to see the complete court record, in order to verify the facts of the case.)

22. Conscious of my responsibility under canon, I do recommend and request that you give consent to this application.

Priest's Signature

DIOCESE OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

II. THE PREVIOUS MARRIAGE – TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE APPLICANT

1. Name of person making application:

2. Name of previous marriage partner:

3. Your age and that of your previous partner at the time of the marriage:

Yours: _____

Partner's: _____

4. Date of previous Marriage: _____

Date of separation: _____

Date of Divorce: _____

Please attach a copy of the final divorce decree. The priest may want to see a complete copy of the court record, in order to verify the facts of the case.

5. Which party brought the divorce proceedings?

6. On what grounds was the divorce obtained?

7. Were children born of your previous marriage? _____ How many? _____

Present ages:

8. Who has custody of the children and why?

9. Have you fulfilled all obligations to the previous marriage partner?

(Provided for the well-being of your former spouse and any resulting children.)

10. Are there continuing financial obligations?

11. If yes, are there adequate resources to meet it, as well as to care for the new family?

12. Are all parties aware of, and satisfied with, the financial arrangements?

Please attach a brief account of the marriage history, and the circumstances leading to the divorce.

Signature of Applicant

LECTIONARY READINGS SUITABLE FOR WEDDINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LECTIONS

Song of Solomon 2:10-13

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone .The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come ,and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance .Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-24

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground] and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is

pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field; but for the man [a] there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, [b] for out of Man[c] this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Psalm 67

The Nations Called to Praise God

To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

that your way may be known upon earth,

your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Psalm 128

Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

EPISTLE LECTIIONS

I CORINTHIANS 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

EPHESIANS 3: 14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

EPHESIANS 5:1-2, 21-33

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. The Christian Household. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way,

husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

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[a] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ[b] 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.

GOSPEL LECTIIONS

Matthew 5:1-10

The Beatitudes When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 7:21-29

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

John 15:9-12

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 in 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.

Mark 10:6-9

But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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