

Scripture Readings for Celebrating the Rite of Marriage

The rite of the Sacrament of Matrimony has many different Scripture readings for the couple to choose from when planning their wedding liturgy. These readings are listed here so you can use them to reflect on the Christian meaning of marriage.

Part 1: Old Testament, Psalms, and Letters

You and a partner will be assigned one of the Old Testament readings, psalms, or letters listed below. With your partner read the passage you are assigned and reflect on the message it reveals about marriage. On a separate sheet of paper, rewrite this Scripture passage as a message to other young people on the sacredness of marriage.

- Genesis 1:26–28,31 (man in our own image and likeness)
- Tobit 8:5–7 (wedding song of Tobiah and Sarah)
- Sirach 26:1–4,13–16 (happy the husband of a good wife)
- Psalm 103:1–2,8,13,17–18 (praise of divine goodness)
- Psalm 112:1–9 (the blessings of the just)
- Psalm 128:1–5 (happy home of the just)
- Psalm 145:8–10,15,17–18 (goodness of God)
- Psalm 148:1–4,9–14 (hymn of all creation)
- 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:8 (gift of love)
- Ephesians 5:2,21–33 (Christian wives and husbands)
- Colossians 3:12–17 (the practice of virtue)
- 1 Peter 3:1–9 (for wife and husband)
- 1 John 3:18–24 (keeping the Commandments)
- 1 John 4:7–12 (God's love and ours)
- Revelation 19:1,5–9 (song of victory)



Part 2: Gospel

With your partner read through the following Gospel passages and select one passage that you feel has a significant message regarding the sacredness of marriage. On a separate sheet of paper, write the citation of the passage you have selected and in six to eight sentences describe how the message is meaningful to youth today.

- Matthew 5:1–12 (Beatitudes)
- Matthew 5:13–16 (discipleship)
- Matthew 22:35–40 (Great Commandment)
- John 2:1–11 (wedding at Cana)
- John 15:9–12 (a disciple's love)

