



Philip & Carol

**Traditional
Service No 2**

*Service of Holy Matrimony
Saint Thomas' Anglican Werribee
Saturday 19th April, 2pm*

Bridal Party

BRIDE:	Carol Chipman
GROOM:	Philip Pauwels
MATRON OF HONOUR:	xxx
BRIDESMAID:	xxx
BEST MAN:	xxx
GROOMSMAN:	xxx
FLOWER GIRL:	xxx
ORGANIST:	xxx
CELEBRANT:	Fr Max Bowers

1 When all are assembled in the church, with the bridegroom and the bride standing before the priest, the priest greets them all, and then says

We have come together in the sight of God for the joining in marriage Philip and Carol .

Our Lord Jesus Christ said of marriage that '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." So they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder'.

Marriage is the symbol of God's unending love for his people, and of the union between Christ and his Church. So Saint Paul teaches that the husband must love his wife as Christ loved the Church, and that the wife must give due honour to her husband.

Marriage should be honoured by all, and is not to be entered into lightly or carelessly, but with reverent and serious respect for those purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Marriage is a gift from God for the well-being of mankind, and for the proper expression of natural instincts and affections with which he has endowed us.

It is a life-long union in which a man and a woman are called so to give themselves in body, mind, and spirit, and so to respond, that from their union will grow a deepening knowledge and love of each other. In the joys and sorrows of life, in prosperity and adversity, they share their companionship, faithfulness, and strength.

In marriage a new family is established in accordance with God's purpose, so that children may be born and nurtured in secure and loving care, for their well-being and instruction, and for the good order of society, to the glory of God.

Philip and Carol have now come here to be joined in this holy union to which God has led them. They seek his blessing on their life together, that they may fulfil his purpose for them; and they ask us to support them in this prayer. If any person here can show why they may not lawfully be joined in marriage he should speak now, or hereafter remain in silence.

Speaking to the persons to be married, the priest says

I charge you both, as you will answer before God, that if either of you know any reason why you may not lawfully be joined together in matrimony, you now confess it. For be assured that those who marry otherwise than God's word allows are not joined together by God, neither is their matrimony lawful in his sight.

THE CONSENT

2 *There being no objection lodged, the priest then says to the man*

Philip , will you take Carol to be your wife,
to live together according to God's law?
Will you give her the honour
due to her as your wife
and, forsaking all others,
love and protect her,
as long as you both shall live?

The man answers

I will.

3 *The priest says to the woman*

Carol, will you take Philip to be your husband,
to live together according to God's law?
Will you give him the honour
due to him as your husband
and, forsaking all others,
love and protect him,
as long as you both shall live?

The woman answers

I will.

4. *The priest asks*

Who brings this woman to be married to this man?

I do.

The priest receives the woman's right hand from her father or her friend.

5 *The man takes the woman's right hand.*

The priest, together with all the people, says

God our Father, in your great love for mankind you have given us the gift of marriage; so bless these two persons as they pledge their lives to each other, that their love may evermore grow to be the true reflection of your love for us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6 *The man, holding the woman's right hand in his, says*

I, Philip , in the presence of God,
take you Carol, to be my wife;
to have and to hold from this day forward,
for better for worse,
for richer for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
as long as we both shall live.
This is my solemn vow and promise.

7. *The woman, taking the man's right hand in hers, says*

I, Carol, in the presence of God,
take you Philip , to be my husband;
to have and to hold from this day forward,
for better for worse,
for richer for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
as long as we both shall live.
This is my solemn vow and promise.

8 *The priest blesses the wedding rings*

Grant, Lord, that these rings may be a token and constant sign of the
pledge of love and faithfulness which these two persons make to each
other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

9 *The giving of the rings*

With this ring I wed you; with all that I am and all that I have I honour
you; in the name of God. Amen.



10 *The man and the woman then kneel. The priest joins their right hands and says*

Those whom God has joined together let not man put asunder.

11 *The priest addresses the people*

Before God and in the presence of us all, by solemn consent and promise, by the giving and receiving of rings, and by the joining of hands, Philip and Carol have now accepted each other in marriage. In the name of God, I declare them to be husband and wife.

12 *The priest then blesses the husband and wife, saying*

God the Father enrich you with his grace,
God the Son make you holy in his love,
God the Holy Spirit strengthen you with his joy.
The Lord bless you and keep you in eternal life. Amen.

13. THE READING - 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8

S.. Paul tells the people living in Corinth...

"I may be able to speak the languages of men and even of angels, but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell..... I may give away everything I have, ... but if I have no love, this does me no good. Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not illmannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail. Love is eternal...."

(We say the Lords prayer together to show we are all part of this wonderful family occasion in God's house)

**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,
YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD,
FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US,
LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL,
FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY ARE
YOURS; NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

14 The priest says

Almighty Father, giver of life and love, look in favour on all who are made one in marriage, and especially on these your servants as they enter into their new life together. In your love deepen their love; strengthen their wills to keep the promises they have made; that they may live to your glory and to the good of mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

15 The priest continues

Lord God,
you have consecrated marriage
to be a sign of the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church;
bless these your servants
that they may love, honour, and cherish each other
in faithfulness, patience, wisdom, and true godliness;
may their home be a place of love and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

16 The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be upon Philip and Carol this day and for evermore. **Amen**

