Nuptial Mass
(or Celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony)
for
A. Baptized Christian
and
Roman B. Catholic

September 25, 2016
Catholic Community of St. Thomas More
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Prelude
   “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desire” - J.S. Bach

Formal Seating
   “Air” - J.S. Bach

**Entrance Rite**

Rite of Welcome *(optional, this is the meeting at the door of the church)*

Procession

Entrance Antiphon or Hymn
   “Love divine, all loves excelling” *Gather 641*

Greeting and Introduction *(if not previously done at Rite of Welcome above; if already done, omit “Greeting and Introduction” here)*

Gloria in Excelsis

Opening Prayer

**Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9
   *A. Prophet*
   He will destroy death forever.

Responsorial Psalm
   “The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord” *Gather 1048*

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39
   *Paul E. Pistle*
   What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Gospel Acclamation
   “Traditional Chant” *Gather 326*

Gospel: John 6:51-59
   *Rev. Scott McCue*
   Whoever eats this bread will live forever,
   and I will raise them up on the last day.

Homily
   *Rev. Scott McCue*
Rite of Marriage

Statement of Intentions and Consent
(or Questions and Exchange of Vows)
Blessing and Exchange of Rings
Prayer of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts
“Be Not Afraid”
Eucharistic Prayer
Acclamations—“ICEL Chant”
Communion Rite
Lord’s Prayer
Nuptial Blessing
Kiss of Peace
Lamb of God
Communion
“One Bread, One Body”

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist. Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the action of Christ, within the celebrating community, signifying a oneness of faith, life and worship. We believe that in the Eucharistic celebration the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is one of our core beliefs and one we cherish dearly. As such, the Catholic Church does not practice “open communion”. It is our hope and prayer, that one day, the divisions which separate the Christian community, may be no more and Christ’s prayer; “that all may be one” will be realized. Until that day we are unable to offer Holy Communion to those who do not share fully in our core belief about the Eucharist. Those Catholics who are prepared and properly disposed to receive Holy Communion today are invited to come forward. Those present not receiving Holy Communion today are invited to join with us in prayer and song at this time.

Concluding Rite

Solemn Blessing
Dismissal
“One Hornpipe”-G.F. Handel
Wedding Party

Somebody, Maid of Honor
Everybody, Sister-in-law
Nobody, Cousin
Anybody, Friend

Somebody, Best Man
Everybody, Brother-in-law
Nobody, Friend
Anybody, Godson

Everybody, Mother of the Bride
Somebody, Father of the Bride

Everybody, Mother of the Groom
Somebody, Father of the Groom

Presider
Rev. Scott E. McCue

Organist
Roger Petrich

Cantor
Beth Evans

Ushers, etc.

Somebody
Everybody
Nobody

Somebody
Everybody
Nobody

Altar Servers (optional to include their names)
A. Server
B. Server

Acknowledgments (or In Thanksgiving)
The Christian Family is grateful to...

Reception
All are invited to a reception after the liturgy, to be held at...