



The wedding service of

Sharon Ann Pedersen

and

Terry Michael Stone

Celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral,

Sale

on Saturday, April 6th, 1991

Celebrant: Fr. Brian O'Connor

Bridesmaids: Margaret Hipwell

Mandy Hipwell

Best Man: Shane Stone

Groomsman: Pat Goode

Flowergirl: Kate Pedersen

Readers: Pam Stone

Margaret Hipwell

Pat Goode

Organist: Katie Long

Singer: Moira Morgan

Priest: Who will give Sharon in marriage to Terry?

John Pedersen: I do.

WELCOME

Priest: In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love
of God and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Opening Prayer: Father,
you have made the bond of marriage a holy mystery,
a symbol of Christ's love for his Church.
Hear our prayers for Sharon and Terry.
With faith in each other they pledge their love today.
May their lives always bear witness to the reality
of that love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Christ.
One God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING: Book of Ecclesiastics

Happy the husband of a good wife;
the number of his days will be doubled.
A perfect wife is the joy of a husband,
he will live out the years of his life in peace.
A good wife is the best of portions,
reserved for those who fear the Lord;
rich or poor, they will be glad of heart;
cheerful of face, whatever the season.
The grace of a wife will charm her husband,
her accomplishments will make him stronger.
A silent wife is a gift from the Lord.
No price can be put on a well trained character.
A modest wife is a boon twice over;
a chaste character cannot be weighed on scales.
Like the sun rising over the mountains of the Lord
is the beauty of a good wife in a well kept house.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast the humble
shall hear and be glad.

Response: I will bless the Lord at all times.

Glorify the Lord with me
together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Response: I will bless the Lord at all times

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

Response: I will bless the Lord at all times.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Response: I will bless the Lord at all times.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him.
I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking
beings, by offering your bodies as a holy sacrifice,
truly pleasing to God.

Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of
the world around you, but let your behaviour
change, modelled by your new mind. This is the
only way to discover the will of God and know
what is good, what it is that God wants, what is
the proper thing to do.

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely
prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as
brothers should and have profound respect for
each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort
and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have
hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up
if trials come and keep on praying. If any of the
saints are in need you must share with them and
you should make hospitality your special care.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (All Stand)

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!
God is Love;
Let us love one another as he has loved us
Alleluia!

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATHEW.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle;
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn;
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right;
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful;
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure of heart;
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers;
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven!

This is the gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY: (All Sit)

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Priest: My dear friends
Sharon and Terry, you have come together in this Church so that the lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the Church's minister and this community. In this way you will be strengthened to keep mutual and lasting faith with each other, and so carry out the other duties of marriage. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

Priest: Sharon and Terry, have you come here freely and without reservations to give yourselves to each other in marriage?

Sharon and Terry: I have

Priest: Will you love and honour each other as man and wife for the rest of your lives?

Sharon and Terry: I will.

Priest: Will you accept children lovingly from God?

Sharon and Terry: I will.

CONSENT

Priest: Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your right hands, and declare your consent before God and his Church.

Terry: I Terry Michael Stone take you Sharon Ann Pedersen to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.

Sharon: I Sharon Ann Pedersen take you Terry Michael Stone to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.

RECEPTION OF CONSENT

Priest: You have declared your consent before the Church. May the Lord in his goodness strengthen your consent and fill you both with his blessings. What God has joined, man must not divide.
I now declare you man and wife.

BLESSING AND EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Priest: Bless and consecrate Sharon and Terry in their love for each other.
May these rings be a symbol of their faith in each other and always remind them of their love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Terry: Sharon, take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sharon: Terry, take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: My dear friends, let us pray to our Father in heaven that he will keep Sharon and Terry united in undivided love, and that he will bless them throughout their married life.

Margaret Hipwell: That their love may be patient and gentle, ready to trust and to endure whatever comes.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

That they pray together in joy and in sorrow and always give thanks for the gift of each other.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

That God will bless their daily work and perfect through them his work of creation.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

That his peace may dwell in their home and give hope and peace to the world.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

That all married people may be helped to renew and deepen their love.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Priest: Almighty God you have come into the lives of Sharon and Terry through the gift of married love. Remain with them always and show your great love for those who call you their Father.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

NUPTIAL BLESSING

My dear friends, let us ask God for his continued blessings upon Sharon and Terry.

Holy Father,
creator of the universe,
maker of man and woman
in your likeness,
source of blessing for married life,
we humbly pray to you for Sharon who today
is united with her husband Terry in this
sacrament of marriage.

May your fullest blessing come upon her
and her husband so that they may together
rejoice in your gift of married love and enrich
your Church with their children.

Lord may they both praise you when they are
happy and turn to you in their sorrows. May
they be glad that you help them in their work
and know that you are with them in their need.
May they pray to you in the community of the
Church and be your witnesses in the world.
May they reach old age in the company of their
friends and come at last to the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Priest: Let us pray to our heavenly Father in the way
our Saviour taught us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please stand)*

All: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our tresspasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

FINAL BLESSING

Priest: May God the almighty Father
give you his joy and bless you and your children.

All: Amen

Priest: May the only son of God have mercy on you
and help you in good times and in bad.

All: Amen

Priest: May the holy spirit of God
always fill your hearts with his love

All: Amen

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER *(Please be seated)*

SONGS: All I Ask Of You.
Will You Love Me
Come As You Are