

# *Seton Parish*

## **Scripture Readings for Weddings**

## **RETURN THIS PAGE TO THE PRIEST OR DEACON**

Directions for choosing your readings

- 1) Read through all the selections
- 2) Choose one reading from the Old Testament Readings, they are labels Old Testament B (example B1 Genesis)
- 3) Choose one reading from the New Testament Readings, They are labeled New Testament D (example D4 Corinthians)
- 4) Hand this sheet in with your selection to the priest or deacon after you have filled out all the information.

Couple Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading #2: \_\_\_\_\_

**The New American Bible  
Old Testament Reading**

**B1**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**  
(Genesis 1:26-28, 31a)

Then God said: “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.”

God created man in his image;  
in the divine image he created him;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying: “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth.” God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

The Word of the Lord.

## **B2**

### **A reading from the book of Genesis**

(Genesis 2:18-24)

The Lord God said: “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him.” So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said:

“This one, at last, is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
This one shall be called ‘woman’  
for out of ‘her man’ this one has been taken.”

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

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Old Testament Reading**

**B3**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

(Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67)

The servant of Abraham said to Laban: "I bowed down in worship to the Lord, blessing the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. If, therefore, you have in mind to show true loyalty to my master, let me know; but if not, let me know that, too. I can then proceed accordingly.

Laban and his household said in reply: "This thing comes from the Lord; we can say nothing to you either for or against it. Here is Rebekah, ready for you; take her with you, that she may become the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has said."

So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Do you wish to go with this man?" She answered, "I do." At this they allowed their sister Rebekah and her nurse to take leave, along with Abraham's servant and his men. Invoking a blessing on Rebekah, they said:

"Sister, may you grow  
into thousands of myriads;  
And may your descendants gain possession  
of the gates of their enemies!"

Then Rebekah and her maids started out; they mounted their camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and went on his way.

Meanwhile Isaac had gone from Beer-lahai-roi and was living in the region of the Negeb. One day toward evening he went out...in the field, and as he looked around, he noticed that camels were approaching. Rebekah, too, was looking about, and when she saw him, she alighted from her camel and asked the servant, "Who is the man out there, walking through the fields toward us?" "That is my master," replied the servant. Then she covered herself with her veil.

The servant recounted to Isaac all the things he had done. Then Isaac took Rebekah into his tent; he married her, and thus she became his wife. In his love for her Isaac found solace after the death of his mother Sarah.

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## **B4**

### **A reading from the book of Tobit**

(Tobit 7:9c-10, 11b-15)

Tobiah said to Raphael, “Brother Azariah, ask Raguel to let me marry my kinswoman Sarah.”

Raguel overheard the words; so he said to the boy: “Eat and drink and be merry tonight, for no man is more entitled to marry my daughter Sarah than you, brother. Besides, not even I have the right to give her to anyone but you, because you are my closest relative.”

Tobiah answered, “I will eat or drink nothing until you set aside what belongs to me.” Raguel said to him: “I will do it. She is yours according to the decree of the Book of Moses. Your marriage to her has been decided in heaven! Take your kinswoman; from now on you are her love, and she is your beloved. She is your today and ever after. And tonight, son, may the Lord of heaven prosper you both. May he grant you mercy and peace.” Then Raguel called his daughter Sarah, and she came to him. He took her by the hand and gave her to Tobiah with the words: “Take her according to the law. According to the decree written in the Book of Moses she is your wife. Take her and bring her back safely to your father. And may the God of heaven grant both of you peace and prosperity.” He then called her mother and told her to bring a scroll, so that he might draw up a marriage contract stating that he gave Sarah to Tobiah as his wife according to the decree of the Mosaic law.

After this they began to eat and drink.

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## **B5**

### **A reading from the book of Tobit**

(Tobit 8:4-9)

On their wedding night Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife, “My love, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance.” She got up, and they started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs. He began with these words:

“Blessed are you, O God of our fathers;  
    praised be your name forever and ever.  
Let the heavens and all your creation  
    praise you forever.  
You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve  
    to be his help and support;  
    and from these two the human race  
    descended.  
You said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone;  
    let us make him a partner like himself.’  
Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine  
    not because of lust,  
    but for a noble purpose.  
Call down your mercy on me and on her,  
    and allow us to live together to a happy old  
    age.”

They said together, “Amen, amen,” and went to bed for the night.

The Word of the Lord.

## **B6**

### **A reading from the Song of Songs**

(Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7)

Hark! My lover—here he comes  
springing across the mountains,  
leaping across the hills.  
My lover is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
Here he stands behind our wall,  
gazing through the windows,  
peering through the lattices.  
My lover speaks; he says to me,  
“Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one,  
and come!  
O my dove in the clefts of the rock,  
in the secret recesses of the cliff,  
Let me see you,  
let me hear your voice,  
For your voice is sweet,  
and you are lovely.”

My lover belongs to me and I to him.

Set me as a seal on your heart,  
as a seal on your arm;  
For stern as death is love;  
relentless as the nether world is devotion;  
its flames are a blazing fire.  
Deep waters cannot quench love,  
nor floods sweep it away.

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**B7**

**A reading from the book of Sirach**

(Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16)

Happy the husband of a good wife,  
twice-lengthened are his days;  
A worthy wife brings joy to her husband,  
peaceful and full is his life.  
A good wife is a generous gift  
bestowed upon him who fears the Lord;  
Be he rich or poor, his heart is content,  
and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights her husband,  
her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones;  
A gift from the Lord is her governed speech,  
and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth.  
Choicest of blessings is a modest wife,  
priceless her chaste person.  
Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens,  
the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance  
of her home.

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## **B8**

### **A reading from the book of Jeremiah**

(Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a)

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and kinsmen how to know the Lord. All, from the least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord.

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**D1**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

(Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39)

If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that he who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for the sake of us all will not grant us all besides? Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen one? God, who justifies? Who shall condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died or rather was raised up, who is at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword?

Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of him who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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## **D2**

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

(Romans 12:1-2, 9-18-longer)

(Romans 12:1-2, 9-13-shorter)

verses 1-2

And now, brothers, I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect.

verses 9-13

Your love must be sincere. Detest what is evil, cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of brothers. Anticipate each other in showing respect. Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit; he whom you serve is the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer. Look on the needs of the saints as your own; be generous in offering hospitality.

Verses 14-18

Bless your persecutors; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same attitude toward all. Put away ambitious thoughts and associate with those who are lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Never repay injury with injury. See that your conduct is honorable in the eyes of all. If possible, live peaceably with everyone.

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## **D3**

### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

(1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20)

The body is not for immorality; it is for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. God, who raised up the Lord, will raise us also by his power.

Do you not see that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun lewd conduct. Every other sin a man commits is outside his body, but the fornicator sins against his own body. You must know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within-the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased, and at a price. So glorify God in your body.

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## **D4**

### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

(1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a)

Set your heart on the greater gifts.

Now I will show you the way which surpasses all the others. If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and, with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give everything I have to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger, neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure.

Love never fails.

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**D5**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Ephesians**

(Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33-longer)

(Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32-shorter)

Follow the way of love, even as Christ loved you.

Defer to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be submissive to their husbands as if to the Lord because the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of his body the church, as well as its savior. As the church submits to Christ, so wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church. He gave himself up for her to make her holy, purifying her in the bath of water by the power of the word, to present to himself a glorious church, holy and immaculate, without stain or wrinkle or anything of that sort. Husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. Observe that no one ever hates his own flesh; no, he nourishes it and takes care of it as Christ cares for the church-for we are members of his body.

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother,  
and shall cling to his wife,  
and the two shall be made into one.”

This is a great foreshadowing; I mean that it refers to Christ and the church.

In any case, each one should love his wife as he loves himself, the wife for her part showing respect for her husband.

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## **D6**

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians**

(Colossians 3:12-17)

Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Christ's peace must reign in your hearts, since as members of the one body you have been called to that peace. Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness. Let the word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. In wisdom made perfect, instruct and admonish one another. Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns, and inspired songs. Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.



## **D7**

### **A reading from the first letter of Peter**

(1 Peter 3:1-9)

You married women must obey your husbands, so that any of them who do not believe in the word of the gospel may be won over apart from preaching, through their wives' conduct. They have only to observe the reverent purity of your way of life. The affection of an elaborate hairdress, the wearing of golden jewelry, or the donning of rich robes is not for you. Your adornment is rather the hidden character of the heart, expressed in the unfading beauty of a calm and gentle disposition. This is precious in God's eyes. The holy women of past ages used to adorn themselves in this way, reliant on God and obedient to their husbands—for example, Sarah, who was subject to Abraham and called him her master. You are her children when you do what is right and let no fears alarm you.

You husbands, too, must show consideration for those who share your lives. Treat women with respect as the weaker sex, heirs just as much as you to the gracious gift of life. If you do so, nothing will keep your prayers from being answered.

In summary, then, all of you should be like-minded, sympathetic, loving towards one another, kindly disposed, and humble. Do not return evil for evil or insult for insult. Return a blessing instead. This you have been called to do, that you may receive a blessing as your inheritance.

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**D8**

**A reading from the first letter of John**

(1 John 3:18-24)

Little children,  
let us love in deed and in truth  
and not merely talk about it.  
This is our way of knowing we are committed to  
the truth  
and are at peace before him  
no matter what our consciences may charge us with;  
for God is greater than our hearts  
and all is known to him.  
Beloved,  
if our consciences have nothing to charge us with  
we can be sure that God is with us  
and that we will receive at his hands whatever we ask.  
Why? Because we are keeping his commandments  
and doing what is pleasing in his sight.  
His commandment is this:  
we are to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
and we are to love one another as he commanded us.  
Those who keep his commandments remain in him  
and he in them.  
And this is how we know that he remains in us:  
from the Spirit that he gave us.

The Word of the Lord.

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**D9**

**A reading from the first letter of John**

(1 John 4:7-12)

Beloved,  
let us love one another  
because love is of God;  
everyone who loves is begotten of God  
and has knowledge of God.  
The man without love has known nothing of God,  
for God is love.  
God's love was revealed in our midst in this way:  
he sent his only Son to the world  
that we might have life through him.  
Love, then, consists in this:  
not that we have loved God,  
but that he has loved us  
and sent his Son as an offering for our sins.  
Beloved,  
if God has loved us so,  
we must have the same love for one another.  
No one has ever seen God.  
Yet if we love one another  
God dwells in us,  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The Word of the Lord.

## **D10**

### **A reading from the book of Revelations**

(Revelation 19:1, 5-9a)

After this I heard what sounded like the loud song of a great assembly in heaven. They were singing:

“Alleluia!

Salvation, glory and might belong to our God!”

A voice coming from the throne cried out:

“Praise our God, all you servants,  
the small and the great, who revere him!”

Then I heard what sounded like the shouts of a great crowd, or the roaring of the deep, or mighty peals of thunder, as they cried:

“Alleluia!

The Lord is king,

our God, the Almighty!

Let us rejoice and be glad,

and give him glory!

For this is the wedding day of the Lamb;  
his bride has prepared herself for the wedding.

She has been given a dress to wear  
made of the finest linen, brilliant white.”

(The linen dress is the virtuous deeds of God’s saints.)

The angel then said to me: “Write this down: Happy are they who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.”

The Word of the Lord.