

Suggested Scripture Readings for Liturgies of Christian Marriage

Old Testament

Genesis 1.26-31	<i>Humankind is created by God</i>
Genesis 2.18-24	<i>Created for relationship</i>
Proverbs 3.3-6	<i>Loyalty and faithfulness written on the heart</i>
Song of Solomon 2.10-13	<i>The voice of the beloved; Song of two lovers</i>
Song of Solomon 8.6-7	<i>Many waters cannot quench love</i>
Isaiah 63.7-9	<i>God's steadfast love lifts up the people</i>
Jeremiah 31.31-34	<i>The new covenant of the people of God</i>

Psalms

Psalms 33	<i>The Lord is our help and our shield (33.20) Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we have put our trust in you (33:22)</i>
Psalms 67	<i>May God be merciful to us and bless us</i>
Psalms 100	<i>We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture (100.2) Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving (100.3)</i>
Psalms 117	<i>The steadfast love of the Lord</i>
Psalms 121	<i>The Lord keeps watch over you</i>
Psalms 127	<i>Unless the Lord builds the house Children are a heritage from the LORD (127.4)</i>
Psalms 128	<i>Happy are they who follow in the ways of the LORD (128.1)</i>
Psalms 136	<i>God's mercy endures forever (136.1b)</i>
Psalms 150	<i>Let everything that has breath praise the LORD (150.6)</i>

(psalms can be included as readings, or as psalm paraphrase hymns; see hymn list)

New Testament Letters

Romans 8.31-35, 37-39	<i>If God is for us, who is against us</i>
Romans 12.1-2, 9-18	<i>A living sacrifice and genuine love</i>
I Corinthians 12.31 - 13.13	<i>The greatest gift is love</i>
Ephesians 3.14-19	<i>The breadth, length, height and depth of Christ's love</i>
Ephesians 5.1-2, 21-33	<i>Walk in love, as Christ loved us</i>
Philippians 4.4-9	<i>Rejoice in the Lord always</i>
Colossians 3.12-17	<i>Clothed in compassion, kindness, meekness and patience</i>
1 John 3.18-24	<i>Let us love in truth and action</i>
1 John 4.7-16	<i>Let us love one another for love is of God</i>

New Testament Gospels

Matthew 5.1-10	<i>The beatitudes</i>
Matthew 5.14-16	<i>You are the light, let your light shine</i>
Matthew 7.21, 24-29	<i>A wise person builds upon the rock</i>
Matthew 19.3-6	<i>What God has united must not be divided</i>
Matthew 22.35-40	<i>Love, the greatest commandment</i>
Mark 10.6-9	<i>They are no longer two but one</i>
John 2.1-10	<i>The wedding at Cana</i>
John 15.9-17	<i>Love one another as I have loved you</i>

(for more choices, consider propers for Day of Thanksgiving)

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