



*Youko & Ivica*

*1st November, 2014*

I love thee with the Breath, Smiles and Tears  
of all my life!

**Youko Tsujikawa**

And

**Ivica Tolo**

Welcome you to the  
Celebration of their Marriage

In the presence of  
Father Nikica Zlatunic  
at  
Saint James Church  
165 Old Cleveland rd, Coorparoo  
1st November, 2014

## The Wedding Party

Maid of Honour      Millyssa Johnsteecon

Best Man              Benjamin Chin

Flower Girl          Elena Tolo

Ring Bearer          Lila Tsujikawa

Readers              Antonio Tolo  
                             Nikola Bilic

Processional Music:   Ave Maria- Celine Dion  
(Please stand)

## Introductory Rite

**Father:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Father:** Dear Youko and Ivica, bridal party, family and friends. I would like to welcome you all today in this Church on this special day in your lives.

Today, you came to this Church to express your consent and commitment to join your lives into one before God and among your family and friends. On this day, you are opening a new chapter of your lives by creating a new family and a new community of love.

The ability to love that God created you with, and by which you are His own image, has brought you today to this Church to echo this marvellous and so precious gift and power that we humans are equipped.

Dear bridal party, family and friends, I would invite you all to pray in this holy ceremony to God, who is full of love, to be witness at this ceremony and to help echo his love through your love for each other.

## Opening Prayer

**Father:** We thank you for the gift of **Youko** and **Ivica**. They are special reminders to us of your constant love. Help them to treat each other lovingly through the summers and winters of their lives.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, our Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

(Please be seated)

**Reader: Antonio Tolo**

First Reading GOD IS LOVE

1 John 4:7-12

A reading from the first letter of Saint John:

Beloved, let us love one another,  
because love is of God;  
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows  
God.

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.

In this way the love of God was revealed to us:

God sent his only-begotten Son into the world  
so that we might have life through him.

In this is love:

not that we have loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us,

we also must love one another.

No one has ever seen God.

Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The word of the lord.

**All:** Thanks to be God

## Responsorial Psalm:

**Reader: Antonio Tolo**

**Reader:** Happy those who love God

**All:** Happy those who love God

Happy those who love God  
and delight in the law.  
Their children shall be blest,  
strong and upright in the land.

**All:** Happy those who love God

Their households thrive,  
their integrity stands firm.  
A light shines on them in darkness,  
a God of mercy and justice.

**All:** Happy those who love God

The good lend freely and deal fairly,  
they will never stumble;  
their justice shall be remembered.

**All:** Happy those who love God

Bad news holds no power,  
strong hearts trust God.  
Steady and fearless,  
they look down on their enemy.

**All:** Happy those who love God

They support the poor,  
their integrity stands firm,  
their strength brings them honour.

**All:** Happy those who love God

**Reader: Nikola Bilic**

Čitanje Prve poslanice sv. Paval apostola Korinćanima  
(12, 31. 1. 3-8a)

Braćol

Čeznite za višim darima!

A evo vam puta najizvrsnijeg!

Kad bih sve jezike ljudske govorio i anđeoske,  
a ljubavi ne bih imao, bio bih mjed što ječi  
ili cimbal što zveči.

Kad bih imao dar prorokovanja

i znao sva otaštva

i sve spoznjanje;

ikad bih imao svu vjeru,

da bih i gore mremješao,

a ljubavi ne bih imao - ništa sam!

I kad bih razdao sva svoj imetak,

ikad bih predao tijelo svoje da se sažeže,

a ljubavi ne bih imao -

ništa mi ne bi koristilo.

Ljubav je velikodušna,

dobrošiva je ljubav,

ne zavidi,

ljubav se ne hvasta,

ne nadima se;

nije nprстоjan,

ne traži svoje,

nije razdražljiva, ne pamti zlo;

ne raduje se nepravdi,

a raduje se istini;

sve pokriva, sve vjeruje,

svemu se nada, sve podnosi.

Ljubav nikad ne prestaje.

Ovo je riječ Gospodnja

**All :** Bogu hvala

(Please stand)

## Gospel

**Father:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Father:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**All:** Glory to you, Lord!

**Father:** Jesus said "From the beginning of creation God made male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide. "

**Father:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily

(Please be seated)

## Prayers of the Faithful

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

**Reader:** That their love may be patient and gentle, ready to trust, and to endure whatever comes. We pray to the Lord.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That they may pray together in joy and in sorrow, and always give thanks for the gift of each other. We pray to the Lord.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That God will bless their daily work and perfect through them his work of creation. We pray to the Lord.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That his peace may dwell in their home and give hope of peace to the world. We pray to the Lord.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That all married people may be helped to renew and deepen their love. We pray to the Lord.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That the Church will bring salvation to the world by expressing Christ's love for all people. We pray to the Lord.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Father:** Almighty God, you have come into the lives of **Youko** and **Ivica** 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.

**Response:** Amen.

## Liturgy of the Sacrament of Marriage

### Statement of Intentions

#### Invitation to the Wedding Party

**Father:** We will now begin the wedding ceremony and so I invite the wedding party to stand up and to come forward.

**Father:** My dear friends, 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. Christ abundantly blesses this love.

He has already consecrated you in baptism and now he enriches and strengthens you by a special sacrament so that you may assume the duties of marriage in mutual and lasting fidelity. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

**Father:** **Youko** and **Ivica**, have you come freely and without reservation to give yourself to each other in marriage?

**Youko** and **Ivica:** I have.

**Father:** Will you love and honour each other as husband and wife for the rest of your lives?

**Youko** and **Ivica:** I will.

**Father:** Will you except children lovingly from God and bring them up to the law of Christ and His Church?

**Youko** and **Ivica:** I will.

**Father:** Since it is your intention to enter into Marriage, join your hands and declare your consent before God and His Church.

**Ivica:** I Ivica, take you, **Youko**, 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 honor you all the days of my life.

**Youko:** I Youko, take you **Ivica**, 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 honor you all the days of my life.

**All:** Amen.

**Father:** You have declared your consent before the church. May the Lord in His goodness strengthen your consent and fill you with His blessings. What God has joined, no-one must divide.

### Blessing and Exchange of Rings

**Father:** Lord,

Bless and consecrate **Youko** and **Ivica** in their love for each other. May these rings be a symbol of true faith in each other, and always remind them of their love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**Ivica:** **Youko**, 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, Amen.

**Youko:** **Ivica**, 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, Amen.

**Father:** I now declare you husband and wife. You may kiss your bride.

(please stand)

### The Lord's Prayer

**Father:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us.

**All:** Our Father who are 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## Signing of the Marriage Certificate

**Father:** I now invite **Ivica** and **Youko** their witnesses and the whole bridal party to come to the altar to sign the documents.

(please be seated)

**Song:** The Piano Guys - A Thousand Years

## Nuptial Blessing

**Father:** My Dear friends, Let us ask God for His continued blessings upon **Youko** and **Ivica**.

Holy Father, creator of the universe, source of blessing for married life, we humbly pray to you for this woman who today is united with her husband in this Sacrament of Marriage.

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 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.

## Concluding Rites

**Father:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Father:** May God Our Father, unite your hearts in the never ending bond of pure love.

**All:** Amen.

**Father:** May you always have true friends to stand by you both in joy and sorrow. May you be ready and willing to help and comfort all who comes to you in need.

**All:** Amen.

**Father:** May the Lord bless you with many happy years together, so that you may enjoy the rewards of a good life.

**All:** Amen.

**Father:** May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you always.

**All:** Amen.

(Please stand)

**Father:** This concludes today's ceremony. I would like to wish the very best for the future to **Ivica** and **Youko**. May Almighty God bless them, guide them and protect them throughout their lives.

They will now lead the procession out of the Church.

**Song: The Piano Guys - Beethoven's 5  
Secrets**

This is the day we vowed our love before all of you and God above. In future years we shall recall this special day and the joys you all wished us. We are grateful for your presence here those who came from far and near. May God bless you is what we pray, as He has us on our wedding day.

We thank our family, friends and especially our parents for all the love and support they have given us. We truly are grateful for everything you have done.

**With all our love  
Youko and Ivica**