V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, al-mighty and e-
ter-nal God. For you willed that the human race, created by the gift of your good-ness, should be raised to such high dig-ni-ty that in the union of husband and wife you might bestow a true im-age of your love. For those you created out of char-i-ty you call to the law of charity without ceas-ing and grant them a share in your e-ter-nal char-i-ty. And so, the Sacrament of holy Matrimony,
as the abiding sign of your own love, consecrates the love of man and wom-an, through Christ our Lord. Through him, with the An-
gels and all the Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we ac-claim:

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