The priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom, says:

*May God the all-powerful Father grant you his joy*

*And bless you in your children.*

R. Amen.

*May the Only Begotten Son of God*

*Stand by you with compassion in good times and in bad.*

R. Amen.

*May the Holy Spirit of God*

*Always pour forth his love into hearts.*

R. Amen.

And he blesses all present, adding:

*And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here,*

*The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

R. Amen.