

*They are no longer two, but one flesh.*

† **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus said:

“From the beginning of creation,  
God made them male and female.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother  
and be joined to his wife,  
and the two shall become one flesh.  
So they are no longer two but one flesh.

Therefore what God has joined together,  
no human being must separate.”

The Gospel of the Lord.