



*Walter and Gail Hobgood
50th Wedding Anniversary
Wedding Vows Renewal Ceremony
January 30, 2021*

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon Walter and Gail, who come to renew their promises to each other, and grant them your grace, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

All stand, and the Celebrant addresses the congregation with these words.

Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with Walter and Gail, who have come today to give thanks to God for his blessing upon their marriage, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

The celebrant then asks the man

Walter, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to Gail in holy matrimony?

The Man answers

I do.

The celebrant then asks the woman

Gail, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to Walter in holy matrimony?

The Woman answers

I do.

The Husband and Wife, kneeling or standing, say together

We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating our marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Lead us further in companionship with each other and with you. Give us grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen us all our days, and bring us to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant then blesses them, saying

May God the Father, who ordained that it is good for two people to live in the covenant of marriage. *Amen.*

May God the Son, who adorned this manner of life by his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, be present with you always. *Amen.*

May God the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other, strengthen your bond. *Amen.*

And may God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you this day and for ever. *Amen.*

Witnesses

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