A reading from the book of Tobit.

On their wedding night, Tobias got out of bed and said to Sarah, “Sister, get up, and let us pray and implore our Lord that he may grant us mercy and safety.” So she got up, and they began to implore that they might be kept safe. Tobias began by saying, “Blessed are you, O God of our fathers, and blessed is your name in all generations forever. You made Adam, and from him you made his wife Eve as a helper and support. From the two of them the human race has sprung. You said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; let us make a helper for him like himself.’ I now am taking this kinswoman of mine, not because of lust, but with sincerity. Grant that she and I may find mercy and that we may grow old together.” And they both said, “Amen, Amen.”

The word of the Lord.