

## **Declarations**

Alexander, will you take Bethany to be your wife?  
Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her,  
and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

**Alexander: I will.**

Bethany, will you take Alexander to be your husband?  
Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him,  
and, forsaking all others,  
be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

**Bethany: I will.**

Will you, the families and friends of Alexander and Bethany,  
support and uphold them in their marriage  
now and in the years to come?

**All: We will.**

## **Readings**

John 2:1-11  
*read by Stephanie Knight*

On Your Wedding Day (Anon)  
*read by Paul Wilcox*

## **Address**

## **The Vows**

### **The Giving of Rings**

### **The Proclamation**

### **The Blessing of the Marriage**

### **Hymn**

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John —  
they came with me and the Dance went on.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be...*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
the holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there on a cross to die.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be...*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black –  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
but I am the Dance, and I still go on.  
*Dance, then, wherever you may be...*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me –  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
*Dance, then, wherever you may be...*

Sydney Carter (1915–2004)

## **Prayers**

### **Ending with the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## Hymn

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
keep me praising till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
give me peace in my heart, I pray;  
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
keep me loving till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
give me love in my heart, I pray;  
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
keep me serving till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!*

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