

THE MARRIAGE

BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

FIRST READING - MARY BOWLEY
FOR MARRIAGE BY JOHN O'DONOHUE

BIBLE READING - MARTIN LOGAN
SONG OF SOLOMON CHAPTER 2, VERSES 10-13; CHAPTER 8,
VERSES 6 AND 7

TALK - REVD SHEILA BRIDGE

WE PLEDGE TO ONE ANOTHER

We pledge to one another,
before the Lord above,
entire and whole and perfect,
this union of our love —
a love that will be patient,
a love that will be wise,
that will not twist with envy,
nor lose itself in lies;
a love that will not falter,
a love to hold us fast,
and bind us to each other
as long as life shall last.

(continued)

We pray that God will guide us
through all the years to be,
our lives be shaped by courage,
hope and serenity.
Through joy and celebration,
through loneliness and pain,
may loyalty, compassion
and tenderness remain,
that those who share the blessing
of love that cannot cease
may walk the paths of gentleness
into the place of peace.

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

THIRD READING - ROSALIND LOGAN

MARRIAGE JOINS TWO PEOPLE IN THE CIRCLE OF ITS LOVE
BY EDMUND O'NEILL

LORD OF THE DANCE

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 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 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.

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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

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.

BLESSING

THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

ONE I WANT - FLATLAND CAVALRY

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

HOW SWEET IT IS (TO BE LOVED BY YOU) - JAMES TAYLOR