

Mine is the sunlight
Mine is the morning
Born of the One Light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

THE DECLARATIONS

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

All: We will.

FIRST READING

An Extract from The Art of Marriage, by William A. Petersen

THE EXHORTATION

THE MARRIAGE

The Vows
The Giving of the Rings
The Proclamation of the Marriage
The Blessing of Marriage

HYMN - 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 pharisse,
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow me
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John
They came with
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 are stripped
And they hung me on high,
And they left me there
On a Cross to die.

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 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,
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.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE MARRIAGE

Each time the priest says the bidding “Lord of Life and Love”, the congregation is invited to respond with the words
“Hear our 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

THE DISMISSAL & FINAL BLESSING