

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**