

ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE

CANON IN D (JOHANN PACHELBEL)

WELCOME

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
THE LOVE OF GOD
AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
BE WITH YOU
ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU

HYMN

DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND,
FORGIVE OUR FOOLISH WAYS;
RECLOTHE US IN OUR RIGHTFUL MIND,
IN PURER LIVES THY SERVICE FIND,
IN DEEPER REVERENCE, PRAISE,
IN DEEPER REVERENCE, PRAISE.

IN SIMPLE TRUST LIKE THEIRS WHO HEARD
BESIDE THE SYRIAN SEA
THE GRACIOUS CALLING OF THE LORD,
LET US, LIKE THEM, WITHOUT A WORD
RISE UP AND FOLLOW THEE,
RISE UP AND FOLLOW THEE.

O SABBATH REST BY GALILEE,
O CALM OF HILLS ABOVE,
WHERE JESUS KNELT TO SHARE WITH THEE
THE SILENCE OF ETERNITY,
INTERPRETED BY LOVE,
INTERPRETED BY LOVE!

DROP THY STILL DEWS OF QUIETNESS,
TILL ALL OUR STRIVINGS CEASE;
TAKE FROM OUR SOULS THE STRAIN AND STRESS,
AND LET OUR ORDERED LIVES CONFESS
THE BEAUTY OF THY PEACE,
THE BEAUTY OF THY PEACE.

BREATHE THROUGH THE HEATS OF OUR DESIRE
THY COOLNESS AND THY BALM;
LET SENSE BE DUMB, LET FLESH RETIRE;
SPEAK THROUGH THE EARTHQUAKE, WIND, AND FIRE,
O STILL, SMALL VOICE OF CALM,
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WORDS: J G WHITTIER (1807-1892)
TUNE: REPTON; C H H PARRY (1848-1918)

PREFACE & DECLARATIONS

THE COLLECT

THE FIRST READING

SONNET 116: LET ME NOT TO THE MARRIAGE OF TRUE MINDS
(WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE)

THE SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 3, VERSES 12-17

ADDRESS

HYMN

LORD JESUS CHRIST, INVITED GUEST AND SAVIOUR,
WITH TENDER MERCY HEAR US AS WE PRAY;
GRANT OUR DESIRE FOR THOSE WHO SEEK YOUR FAVOUR,
COME WITH YOUR LOVE AND BLESS THEM BOTH TODAY.

GIVE THEM YOUR STRENGTH FOR CARING AND FOR SERVING,
GIVE THEM YOUR GRACES - FAITHFULNESS AND PRAYER;
MAKE THEIR RESOLVE TO FOLLOW YOU UNSWERVING,
MAKE THEIR REWARD YOUR PEACE BEYOND COMPARE.

BE THEIR DELIGHT IN JOY, THEIR HOPE IN SORROW,
BE THEIR TRUE FRIEND IN PLEASURE AS IN PAIN;
GUEST OF TODAY AND GUARDIAN OF TOMORROW,
TURN HUMBLE WATER INTO WINE AGAIN!

WORDS: MICHAEL PERRY (1942-1996)
TUNE: JOHN BACCHUS DYKES (1823-1876)

THE MARRIAGE

HYMN

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER,
PILGRIM THROUGH THIS BARREN LAND;
I AM WEAK, BUT THOU ART MIGHTY,
HOLD ME WITH THY POWERFUL HAND:
BREAD OF HEAVEN, BREAD OF HEAVEN,
FEED ME TILL I WANT NO MORE; FEED ME TILL I WANT NO MORE.

OPEN NOW THE CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN
WHENCE THE HEALING STREAM DOTH FLOW;
LET THE FIRE AND CLOUDY PILLAR
LEAD ME ALL MY JOURNEY THROUGH:
STRONG DELIVERER, STRONG DELIVERER,
BE THOU STILL MY STRENGTH AND SHIELD; BE THOU STILL MY
STRENGTH AND SHIELD.

WHEN I TREAD THE VERGE OF JORDAN,
BID MY ANXIOUS FEARS SUBSIDE;
DEATH OF DEATH, AND HELL'S DESTRUCTION,
LAND ME SAFE ON CANAAN'S SIDE:
SONGS OF PRAISES, SONGS OF PRAISES
I WILL EVER GIVE TO THEE; I WILL EVER GIVE TO THEE.

WORDS: WILLIAM WILLIAMS (1717-1791) & PETER WILLIAMS (1727-1796)
TUNE: CWM RHONDDA; JOHN HUGHES (1873-1932)