

SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

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First Tune

DEVONSHIRE 76 76

North Devon folk song collected by
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Second Tune

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H. J. Gauntlett 1805-76



THE FORM OF SOLEMNIZATION OF HOLY MATRIMONY

BRIDAL PROCESSIONAL

¶ *Upon the arrival of the Bridal Party, the Man shall stand to the right and the Woman to the left. Then the following hymn is sung,*

THE VOICE THAT BREATHED O'ER EDEN

The voice that breathed o'er Eden,
that earliest wedding day,
the primal marriage blessing,
it hath not passed away.

Be present, Son of Mary,
to join their loving hands,
as Thou didst bind two natures
in Thine eternal bands;

Still in the pure espousal
of Christian man and maid,
the Holy Three are with us,
the threefold grace is said,

Be present, holiest Spirit,
to bless them as they kneel,
as Thou, for Christ the Bridegroom,
the heavenly Spouse dost seal.

For dower of blessèd children,
for love and faith's sweet sake,
for high mysterious union
which naught on earth may break.

O spread thy pure wing o'er them,
let no ill power find place,
when onward to thine altar
their hallowed path they trace.

Be present, awful Father,
to give away this bride,
as Eve Thou gav'st to Adam
out of his own pierced side;

To cast their crowns before Thee
in perfect sacrifice,
till to the home of gladness
with Christ's own Bride they rise.

J. Keble (1857)

¶ *The Minister shall say,*

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church: which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

PSALM 128 (*standing.*)

J. Goss



Blessèd are all they that | fear | the | Lord :
and | wa · lk | in his | ways.

For thou shalt eat the | labours of · thine | hands :
O well is thee, and | ha · ppy | shalt thou | be.

Thy wife shall be as the | fruit · ful | vine :
up - | on the | walls of · thine | house.

Thy children like the | o · live | bran · ches :
round a - | bout thy | table.

II part: Lo, thus shall the | man be | bless'd :
that | fear — | eth the | Lord.

The Lord from out of Sion shall | so — | bless thee :
that thou shalt see Jerusalem in pros - | peri · ty | all thy · life | long.

Yea that thou shalt see thy | child · ren's | children :
and | peace up - | on — | Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and | to · the | Son :
and | to the | Ho · ly | Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ev · er | shall be :
world without | end. A - | men.

THE EPISTLE

1 S. John 4. 7–16

THE GOSPEL (*standing.*)

S. Matt 5. 1–10

SERMON

Marriage Hymn.

26 "The Lord do so to me and more also, if ought but death part thee and me."

O PERFECT LOVE.—11.10. 11.10.

J. BARNBY.

Rather slowly.

O per-fect Love, all human thought tran-scending, Low - ly we

kneel in prayer before Thy Throne, That theirs may be the love which knows no

end - ing, Whom Thou for ev - er-more dost join in one. A-men.

O perfect Life, be Thou their full assurance
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,
Of patient hope, and quiet brave endurance,
With childlike trust that fears nor pain nor death.

Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow,
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife;
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow
That dawns upon eternal love and life. Amen.

DOROTHY F. BLOMFIELD.

¶ *The following hymn is sung,*

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

C. Wesley (1747)

¶ *Then, the People kneeling, the Minister shall pronounce this Blessing.*

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

¶ *Following this, the Bridal Couple, accompanied by the Minister and the witnesses, shall proceed to sign the Marriage License and the Marriage Register, during which time the following two Tamil keerthanai are sung.*

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W. P. Rowlands (1860–1937)

The musical score is written for piano and consists of four systems. Each system contains a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The music is characterized by a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the bass and a melody in the treble. The first system includes a repeat sign after the first measure. The second system ends with a repeat sign. The third system also includes a repeat sign. The fourth system concludes with a final double bar line.