BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE

Tune: Slane (the same tune as for "Lord of all hopefulness God, in the planning and purpose of life Has hallowed the union of husband and wife: And this we embody where love is displayed, When rings are presented and promises made.

Jesus was found, at a similar feast, Where he took the roles of both waiter and priest. By turning the worldly towards the divine, He changed tears into laughter, and water to wine.

Therefore we pray that His Spirit preside Now over the wedding of bridegroom and bride, Fulfilling all that they now hope will come true, And lighting with love all they dream of, and do.

Praise then the Maker, the Spirit, the Son, The source of the love through which two are made one. And, sharing what their pasts have taught, And God is the glory, the goodness and grace As seen in this marriage, and known in this place.

LORD AND LOVER OF CREATION

Tune: Regent Square – a strong tune – well known. Lord and lover of creation. Bless the marriage witnessed now: Sign of lives no longer separate, Sealed by symbol, bound by vow, Celebrating love's commitment Made to live and last and grow.

Praise and gratitude we offer, For the past which shaped today:

Woes which stirred and deepened conscience Family life, good company, Friends who touched and summoned talent Nourished all words can't convey.

On your children wed and welcome Here among us, we request Health in home and hearts, and humour. Open doors and human pleasure, Through which heaven and earth are blessed Time for touch and trust and rest.

Take them hence that, in each other, Love fulfilling love shall find Much to share and more to treasure, Such that none dare break or bind Those your name has joined together One in body, heart and mind.

BLESSING THE MARRIAGE

Tune: The Sussex Carol (a well-known and cheerful Christmas Carol tune close association with the village of Monks Gate, Horsham That human life might richer be, That children may be named and known, That love finds its own sanctuary, That those in love stay not alone. Praise, Praise the Maker, Spirit, Son, Blessing this marriage now begun.

As two we love are wed this day And we stand witness to their vow. We call on God, the Trinity, To sanctify their pledges now.

Parents and families they leave. Their own new family to make; They shape it for the future's sake.

This is as God meant it to be. That man and woman should be one And live in love, and love through life. As Christ on earth has taught and one.

Then, bless the bridegroom, bless the bride, The dreams they dream, the hopes they share And thank the Lord whose love inspires The joy their lips and ours declare.

GOD BEYOND GLORY

Tune: Bunessan (usually sung to "Morning Has Bro-

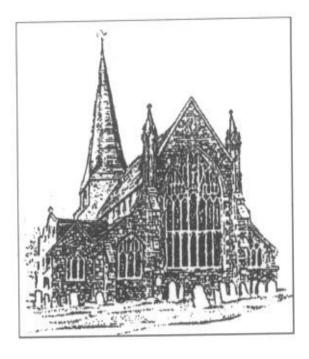
God beyond glory, gracious and holy, In whose rare image each life is made, Love is the treasure, love is the measure Of all your Son on earth displayed.

Binding each other, father to mother, Parents to children and friend to friend. Love, in its sharing, love in its caring Dares to begin what non dare end.

Here, in your presence, love is the essence Sealing the vows shared by husband and wife. This love confessing; send them your blessing To guard and guide their chosen life.

When joys are deepest, where paths are steepest, Whatever figures in years to come, Let love in duty and love in beauty Embrace their hearts, their hopes, their home.

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SECTION 1: HYMNS

The marriage Service would normally allow for three hymns - (i) at the beginning of the Service (ii) after the Marriage itself and (iii) before the signing of the Register. Therefore, it would be appropriate to select a hymn from each section of the following:

(i) Praise

- 263 All creatures of our God and King (verses 1,2,3, & 7)
- 333 All my hope on God is founded
- 334 All people that on earth do dwell
- 264 All things bright and beautiful (omit verse 5)
- 436 Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven
- ** Bridegroom & Bride
- ** That human life might richer be

(ii) Marriage

- 137 Come down, O love divine
- 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 239 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
- 457 The King of love my Shepherd is (a version of the 23rd Psalm)
- 459 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want (23rd Psalm)
- 339 Be thou my vision
- ** God beyond glory

(iii) Thanksgiving, Commitment, Dedication

- 285 For the beauty of the earth
- 368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
- 393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
- 408 Love Divine, all loves excelling
- 413 Now thank we all our God
- 237 Morning has broken
- 320 O Perfect Love
- ** Lord and lover of creation

The numbers refer to the New English Hymnal

** The texts are on the back page of the leaflet. These four hymns (from Iona) speak more personally, perhaps, than some of the more frequently-used hymns

SECTION 2: CHOIR ANTHEM— during the signing of the Register. The Choir often sing TWO of the following songs at this part of the Service.

Jesus, joy of man's desiring Always very popular with wedding guests J.S. Bach Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness Very attractive: short S.S. Wesley The Lord's my shepherd (23rd Psalm) set to the well-known Brothers James' Air All things bright and beautiful – a cheerful and colourful setting – very popular John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you – lovely words, with an excellent tune to match

John Rutter

Panis Angelicus well-known tune, made popular with TV presentation of The Choir Cesar Franck

Ave Verum Corpus – two very beautiful settings: either is a perfect comparison to any of the other songs Mozart or Elgar

Pie Jesu – two well-known settings by very contrasting composers

Fauré, Lloyd Webber

J.S. Bach

SECTION 3: ORGAN MUSIC

(a) At the Entrance of the Bride

All four pieces are very effective and, from the timing of this Procession, they are highly appropriate.

Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin

Trumpet Tune

Wagner

Henry Purcell

Trumpet Voluntary
Trumpet Tune

(b) During the signing of the Register (in lieu of Choir Anthem)

Jesus, joy of man's desiring
Sheep may safely graze
Bach

J.S. Bach
J.S.

Air on a G string Air from the *Water Music* Suite

Air from the Water Music Suite

Salut d'Amour

Nimrod

Handel

Elgar

Elgar

(c) At the concluding Procession of the Bride and Bridegroom

Wedding March from A Midsummer Night's Dream
Toccata in F (from Fifth Organ Symphony)

Mendelssohn
Widor

Hornpipe from the *Water Music* Suite

Trumpet Tune

Handel

Clarke/Purcell/Stanley

All 4 pieces are exhilarating, the Mendelssohn & Widor being the most frequently requested.