

## A selection of Hymns and songs for Weddings

### **1. Morning Has Broken**

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.

Sweet the rain's new-fall, sun-lit from heaven  
Like the first dew-fall, on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness, of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness, where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, Praise for the morning  
God's recreation of the new day.

### **2. Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven**

Praise my soul, the King of Heaven  
To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven  
Who like me His praise should sing  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness

Father-like, He tends and spares us  
Well our feeble frame He knows  
In His hands He gently bears us  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon bow down before Him  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

### **3. Now Thank we all Our God**

Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,

Whom earth and heaven adore,  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

Music: Nun danket

### **4. All Things Bright and Beautiful**

Chorus:  
*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell,  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

Music: Monk

### **5. O Perfect Love**

O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,  
Lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne,  
That theirs may be the love which knows no ending,  
Whom thou for evermore dost join in one.

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 earthy strife;  
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow  
That dawns upon eternal love and life.

### **6. O Father All Creating**

O Father all creating,  
Whose wisdom, love and power  
Can bring two lives together  
And make a new thing flower.  
Today to these your children  
Your gifts we ask, renew,  
A home by you made happy,  
A love by you kept true.

O Saviour, come, we ask you,  
As once in Galilee,  
To bring to-day your presence  
To touch their lives anew;  
Transform their natural gladness  
With all your heavenly grace  
And teach them, now and always,  
To trust you for their needs.

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O Spirit of the Father,  
Breath on them with your love.  
Surround their lives together  
With all your tenderness.  
That guarded by your presence,  
From sin and strife kept free,  
Their lives may know your guidance,  
Their hearts be ruled by thee.

Except you build it Father  
the house is built in vain;  
Except you, Jesus, bless it,  
The joy will turn to pain;  
But none can break the union  
Of hearts by you made one;  
The love your Spirit blesses,  
Is endless love begun.

Music: Aurelia

### **7. Amazing grace**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me:  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come:  
'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

Amazing grace; how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

### **8. Pray for their love**

Standing together facing the future  
Sure of each other, glad in their love  
Their hope is golden, this is a dream time  
Pray for their future, pray for their love.

Standing together, promising truly  
They will be loyal, they'll understand  
Their love is joyous, their love accepting  
Pray for their promise, pray for their love.

Life is for sharing, Love is for giving  
Now and forever, near and afar  
Standing together, each will be strengthened  
Pray for their marriage, pray for their love.

Standing together with friend and family  
Wishing them good times, through years ahead  
Pray for God's blessing on these two people  
Pray for their marriage, pray for their love.

Music: Morning is Broken

### **9. Lead us heavenly father**

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
For we have no help but thee;  
Yet possessing every blessing,  
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;

All our weakness thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
Through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
Love with every passion blending,  
Pleasure that can never cloy:  
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
Nothing can our peace destroy.

Words: J. Edmeston

Music: Mannheim, Revised A & M. 311

### **10. Lord of love**

Lord of love, we ask thy blessing  
On this joyful wedding day.  
Guide and help the bride and bridegroom.  
May their love increase each day.  
Rich or poor, in joy or sorrow,  
Friends and lovers may they stay.

Standing now before the altar  
As to thee their vows they make.  
Grant them trust and understanding,  
How to give as well to take.  
For each other's faults and failings  
Grant them patience for thy sake.

May their love grow even stronger,  
Giving them the strength to bear  
All that life may set before them,  
Joy and sorrow may they share.  
Nothing then shall come between them,  
Bless, O Lord, this bridal pair.

Words: Jane Done

Music: Regent or As for Lead Us Heavenly Father

### **11. For those who join in love today**

For those who join in love today,  
We humbly bow and pray;  
That theirs may be a love which grows,  
That will guide their way

In marriage sweet they make their vows,  
Together until death;  
They give each other everything,  
While they draw life and breath.

Together we support their life,  
And ask you now, Oh Lord;  
To bless this loving man and wife,  
With trust and true accord.

You have created all we have,  
Sustaining all in love;  
Create this marriage in your care,  
And set it safe above.

Music: Amazing Grace

**12. The servant song**

Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant to

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are travellers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile, and bear the load

I will hold the Christ light for you  
in the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love, and agony.

Repeat verse 1.

**13. Gracious Lord, we ask you blessing**

Gracious Lord, we ask your blessing,  
On these two, who stand today  
At the longed for, glad beginning,  
of a new untrodden way.  
We, who love them bless and thank you  
for the memories we hold dear,  
For your love which planned their union,  
For your grace which brought them here.

May they have the benediction  
Of your presence as they go,  
Comforting, sustaining, giving  
Quickened hearts that burn and glow;  
May unparted, deep devotion,  
Fill their lives with fragrance rare  
Telling needy hearts around them  
Of a love which all can share.

May their hopes and dreams and longings  
Be transformed their whole life through  
Into memories they will treasure  
Bound with love undimmed and true.  
We would wish them all the gladness  
That this life can hold in store  
Faith and hope, and joyful service,  
We would ask for them and more

Music 'The Carnival is over'

**14. Amazing Grace - Wedding version**

Amazing grace that seeks to bring  
two minds and hearts in one,  
with thanks to God now let us sing  
and pray that blessings come.

With faith and trust does each one give  
a pledge that never dies,  
through times both good and bad to live  
and build yet stronger ties.

There's greatness always to be found,  
in ev'ry marriage bond,  
where people to their vows stay bound  
And to God's grace respond.

May happiness and peace and calm  
be their's as time goes on,  
protect them, Lord, from ev'ry harm  
and may their love grow strong.

Music: Amazing Grace

**15. Joined in they name**

Joined in thy name, Thy servants seek Thy blessing  
On their new venture down earth's sun-lit ways;  
Peace may they find, and joy, Thy Name confessing,  
Lifting their hearts to Thee in prayer and praise

Be thou their Guide in every brave endeavour;  
Keep Thou their lives from sin and evil free;  
Give them the love which naught on earth can sever,  
Kindling their hearts anew with love for Thee.

Make Thou their home a place of benediction,  
Where every guest Thy peace and love may find;  
Grand that their children, free from fear and friction,  
May learn, by loving Thee, to serve mankind

True to the end, in mutual love abiding,  
Facing life's tasks with calm and fearless eyes,  
These Thy loved servants, taught by Thy sure guiding,  
Shall learn that every need Thy grace supplies.

Music: O Perfect Love  
Words: A F Ault