

## St. John's Church, Boldre Wedding Hymn Texts

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### All things bright and beautiful

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

- 1 Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings:  
*All things bright...*
- 2 The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky:  
*All things bright...*
- 3 The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one:  
*All things bright...*
- 4 The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water  
We gather every day:  
*All things bright...*
- 5 He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God almighty,  
Who has made all things well:  
*All things bright...*

*Cecil Frances Alexander (née Humphreys) (1818-1895)*

## Amazing grace

- 1 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.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.
- 4 When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

*John Newton (1725-1807), William Cowper (1731-1800), John Rees (1828-1900)*

## Be still, for the presence of the Lord

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;  
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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## Christ triumphant ever reigning

- 1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
Hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
The high renown, the eternal name.*
- 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
By Your humble birth:  
*Yours the glory ...*
- 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
Victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
Sinners justified:  
*Yours the glory ...*
- 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
High in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
Stifle hymns of love:  
*Yours the glory ...*
- 5 So, our hearts and voices raising  
Through the ages long,  
Ceaselessly upon You gazing,  
This shall be our song:  
*Yours the glory ...*

*Michael Saward (born 1932)*

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## Come to a wedding

- 1 Come to a wedding, come to a blessing,  
Come on a day when happiness sings!  
Come rain or sun, come winter or summer,  
Celebrate love and all that it brings.
- 2 Thanks for the love that holds us together -  
Parent and child, and lover and friend:  
Thanks to the God whose love is our centre,  
Source of compassion, knowing no end.
- 3 Love is the gift, and love is the giver,  
Love is the gold that makes the day shine,  
Love forgets self to care for the other,  
Love changes life from water to wine.

- 4     Come to this wedding, asking a blessing  
      For all the years that living will prove:  
      Health of the body, health of the spirit -  
      Now to you both, we offer our love.

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### **Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

- 1     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.
- 2     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.
- 3     O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
      O calm of hills above,  
      Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
      The silence of eternity,  
      Interpreted by love!
- 4     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.
- 5     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!

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)*

## **Father, hear the prayer we offer**

- 1 Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.
- 2 Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.
- 3 Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.
- 4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.

*Love Maria Willis (nee Whitcomb) (1824-1908), Samuel Longfellow (1819-1892)*

## **For the beauty of the earth**

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*
- 2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light:  
*Lord of all...*
- 3 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled:  
*Lord of all...*
- 4 For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
*Lord of all...*

*Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

## Give me joy in my heart

- 1 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Keep me praising till the break of day.  
*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King!*
- 2 Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray;  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
Keep me loving till the break of day.  
*Sing hosanna ...*
- 3 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
Give me love in my heart, I pray;  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
Keep me serving till the break of day.  
*Sing hosanna ...*

*Words: A Sevison*

## God, in the planning and purpose of life

- 1 God, in the planning and purpose of life,  
hallowed the union of husband and wife:  
this we embody where love is displayed,  
rings are presented and promises made.
- 2 Jesus was found, at a similar feast,  
taking the roles of both waiter and priest,  
turning the worldly towards the divine,  
tears into laughter and water to wine.
- 3 Therefore we pray that his spirit preside  
over the wedding of bridegroom and bride,  
fulfilling all that they've hoped will come true  
lighting with love all they dream of and do.
- 4 Praise then the Maker, the Spirit, the Son,  
source of the love through which two are made one.  
God's is the glory, the goodness and grace  
seen in this marriage and known in this place.

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## God is Love: let heav'n adore him

- 1 God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heav'ns above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is Love, eternal Love.
  
- 2 God is Love: and he enfoldeth  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.
  
- 3 God is Love, and though with blindness  
sin afflicts the souls of all,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds and guides us when we fall.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

*Timothy Rees (1874-1939)*

## Great is Thy faithfulness

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,  
As Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.  
*Great is Thy faithfulness!*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*
- 2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
*Great is Thy faithfulness! ...*
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
*Great is Thy faithfulness! ...*

*Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)*  
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## Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

- 1 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,  
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 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  
I will ever give to thee.

*Arglwydd arwain drwy'r anialwch*  
*William Williams (1717-1791), tr Peter Williams (1727-1796) and William Williams (1717-1791) or John Williams (1754-1828)*

## **Jesus the Lord of love and life**

- 1 Jesus the Lord of love and life,  
draw near to bless this man and wife;  
as they are now in love made one,  
let your good will for them be done.
- 2 Give them each day your peace and joy.  
let no dark clouds these gifts destroy;  
in growing trust may love endure,  
to keep their marriage-bond secure.
- 3 As they have vowed to have and hold,  
each by the other be consoled;  
in wealth or want, in health or pain,  
till death shall part, let love remain.
- 4 Deepen, O Lord, their love for you,  
and in that love, their own renew;  
each in the other find delight,  
as lives and interests now unite.
- 5 Be to them both a guide and friend,  
through all the years their home defend;  
Jesus the Lord of love and life,  
stay near and bless this man and wife.

*James E Seddon (1915-1983)*

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## **Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

- 3 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.

*James Edmeston (1791-1867)*

### **Lord and lover of creation**

- 1 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.
- 2 Praise and gratitude we offer,  
for the past which shaped today.  
Words which stirred and deepened conscience,  
family life, good company,  
friends who touched and summoned talent,  
nourished all words can't convey.
- 3 On your children wed and welcome  
here among us, we request  
health in home and hearts, and humour  
through which heaven and earth are blessed;  
open doors and human pleasure,  
time for touch and trust and rest.
- 4 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.

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## **Lord, for the years**

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
- 4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
Past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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## **Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy**

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no care could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Jan Struther (1901-1953)*

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### **Love divine, all loves excelling**

- 1 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.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy grace 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.
- 3 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!

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

### **Make me a channel of Your peace**

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## **May the mind of Christ my Saviour**

- 1 May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do or say.
- 2 May the word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his power.
- 3 May the peace of God my Father  
rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.
- 4 May the love of Jesus fill me,  
as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing -  
this is victory.
- 5 May I run the race before me,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as I onward go.

*Kate Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928)*

## **Morning has broken**

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## Now thank we all our God

- 1 Now thank we all our God,  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

*Nun danket alle Gott Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

## O God beyond all praising

- 1 O God beyond all praising,  
We worship you today  
And sing the love amazing  
That songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder  
At every gift you send,  
At blessings without number  
And mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you  
And wait upon your word,  
We honour and adore you,  
Our great and mighty Lord.

- 2 Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
Accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favour  
May serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows  
Be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows  
And rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty  
And glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty  
Our sacrifice of praise.

*Michael Perry (1942-1996)*

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### **O perfect Love**

- 1 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 forevermore dost join in one.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

*Dorothy F. Gurney 1884*

### **O praise ye the Lord!**

- 1 O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise Him in the height;  
Rejoice in His word  
Ye angels of light;  
Ye heavens adore Him  
By whom ye were made,  
And worship before Him  
In brightness arrayed.

2 O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise Him upon earth,  
In tuneful accord,  
Ye sons of new birth;  
Praise Him who hath brought you  
His grace from above,  
Praise Him who hath taught you  
To sing of His love.

3 O praise ye the Lord,  
All things that give sound;  
Each jubilant chord  
Re-echo around;  
Loud organs, His glory  
Forth tell in deep tone,  
And sweet harp, the story  
Of what He hath done.

4 O praise ye the Lord!  
Thanksgiving and song  
To Him be outpoured  
All ages along;  
For love in creation,  
For heaven restored,  
For grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord!

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)*

### **O worship the King**

1 O worship the King all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!  
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.
- 6 O measureless might, ineffable love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

*William Kethe (fl.1559-1594), Robert Grant (1779-1838)*

### **Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven  
Who like thee His praise should sing?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!
- 2 Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him still the same for ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness!
- 3 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!
- 4 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!

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*

## **Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him**

- 1 Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;  
Praise Him, angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him,  
Praise Him, all ye stars and light.  
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed:  
Laws, which never shall be broken,  
For their guidance He hath made.
- 2 Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail:  
God hath made His saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
Hosts on high, His power proclaim;  
Heaven and earth, and all creation,  
Laud and magnify His name!

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## **Tell out, my soul**

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of His word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His Name!  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!  
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926) from Luke 1 vs46-55*  
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## **The King of love my Shepherd is**

- 1 The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth;  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me;  
And on His shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days,  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.

*H.W. Baker 1868*

## **The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want**

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

*Francis Rous (1579-1659), William Whittingham (1524-1579), Scottish Psalter (1650)*

### **To God be the glory!**

1 To God be the glory! great things He hath done;  
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in:  
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice;  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;  
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done!*

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.  
*Praise the Lord! ...*

3 Great things he hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.  
*Praise the Lord! ...*

*Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny Crosby) (1820-1915)*

## **We pledge to one another**

- 1 We pledge to one another,  
before the Lord above,  
complete and full and perfect,  
this union of our love —  
a love that will be patient,  
a love that will be wise,  
that will not twist with envy,  
nor lose itself in lies;  
a love that will not falter,  
a love to hold us fast,  
and bind us to each other  
as long as life shall last.
  
- 2 We pray that God will guide us  
through all the years to be,  
our lives be shaped by courage,  
hope and serenity.  
Through joy and celebration,  
through loneliness and pain,  
may loyalty, compassion  
and tenderness remain,  
that those who share the blessing  
of love that cannot cease  
may walk the paths of gentleness  
into the place of peace.

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