

How Blest the Hearts

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How blest are hearts, which Christ the Lord Cou-

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Holy Ghost, by Thee!

The other verses

- 2 When angels sang Creation's birth,
Man, fashioned from the dust of earth.
In Eden was alone;
But God made Eve from Adam's side
And brought her to him as a Bride,
And willed them to be one.
- 3 O holy wedlock ratified
In Heav'n a knot for life is tied
By God in Paradise!
O happiness beyond compare!
What tongues of Angels to declare
The blessedness suffice?
- 4 Anthems angelical were heard,
When Christ, the everlasting Word
To wed His Bride did come,
And take that consecrated Bride,
Cleansed by the lifeblood from His side,
Unto Her heav'nly home.
- 5 At Cana's feast that Heav'nly Guest
Did first His Godhead manifest,
And water change to wine;
In wedlock tears of sorr'wring earth
Are changed to wine of heav'nly mirth,
By pow'r and love divine.
- 6 Mirrored in nuptial purity
The marriage of the Church we see
And Christ the Bridegroom's Love;
Angels look down, and anthems sing,
The Holy Dove, the golden wing,
Sheds blessings from above.
- 7 Bless these Thy servants, gracious Lord,
Whom Thou dost join in sweet accord,
The bridegroom and the bride;
In sorrow, sickness, and in health
In tribulation and in wealth,
Be Thou their Help and Guide!

How Blest the Hearts (continued)

- 8 Be with them, Lord, as day by day
They with one heart together pray,
Thy Word together read,
Together at Thine altar kneel,
And with Thy Blood their union seal,
On Thee together feed.
- 9 May they forever have Thee near,
Making them to Thyself more dear,
And each to each in Thee;
So, when from earthly cares released,
May they at Thine own marriage feast
Be blest eternally!
- 10 D To Father, whose paternal Love
Sends benedictions from above,
Eternal praises be;
And God the Son, Incarnate Word,
With Holy Spirit be adored;
One God and Persons Three!

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