

How Blest the Hearts

(also known as How Blest Are Hearts)

CHRISTIAN HOME

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$\text{♩} = 100$



1. How blest are hearts, which Christ the Lord Cou - ples as with a sil - ver cord,
2. When an - gels sang Cre - - a - tion's birth, Man, fa - shioned from the dust of earth.
3. O ho - ly wed - lock ra - - ti - fied In Heav'n a knot for life is tied
4. An - thems an - gel - i - - cal were heard, When Christ, the ev - er - las - ting Word
5. At Ca - na's feast that Heav'n - ly Guest Did first His God - head ma - ni - - fest,

In nu - ptial u - - ni - - ty: That a - - ni - ma - ted are by love
In E - - den was a - - lone; But God made Eve from A - dam's side
By God in Pa - ra - - dise! O hap - - pi - ness be - - yond com - pare!
To wed His Bride did come, And take that con - se - - cra - ted Bride,
And wa - ter change to wine; In wed - lock tears of sor - r'wring earth

And a - - spi - ra - - tions from a - - bove, O Ho - - ly Ghost, by Thee!
And brought her to him as a Bride, And willed them to be one.
What tongues of An - gels to de - clare The bles - sed - ness su - - fice?
Cleansed by the life - blood from His side, Un - - to Her heav'n - ly home.
Are changed to wine of hea'n - ly mirth, By pow'r and love di - - vine.

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!

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. Δ 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!