

Hymns

A selection of hymn choices are listed below for you to choose from.

Although a hymn (or hymns) can add meaningfully to a wedding ceremony, it is not a requirement and some couples prefer to omit this part of the service.

'Give me joy'

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.

Refrain: Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting, give me peace in my heart, I pray.

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting, keep me resting till the end of day.

Refrain...

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, give me love in my heart, I pray.

Give my love in my heart, keep me serving, keep me serving till the end of day.

Refrain...

'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.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,

He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.

Refrain...

The purple headed mountain, the river running by,

the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

Refrain...

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,

the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.

Refrain...

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Refrain...

'Praise my soul the King of heaven'

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;

ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

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!

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;

in his hand 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!

'Make me a channel of your peace'

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt true faith in you:

*Refrain: Oh, Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light; and where there's sadness, bring your joy.

Refrain...

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
in giving to all men that we receive; and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

'Lord of all hopefulness'

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy;
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day

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.

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.

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,

'One more step along the world I go'

One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new, keep me travelling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new, Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn, more and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see, you'll be looking at along with me.

Refrain...

As I travel through the bad and good, keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go, you'll be telling me the way, I know.

Refrain...

Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you.

Refrain...

You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you.

Refrain...

'Love divine all loves excelling'

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life 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.

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.

'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, sunlit 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 ev'ry morning, God's re-creation of the new day.