

The Service of Betrothal

The betrothal is celebrated in the narthex (the back part of the church).

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People:

A - men.

Musical notation for the response 'A - men.' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple, with a dotted quarter note on 'A' and a half note on 'men.' in both staves.

Priest: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People:

Lord, have mer - cy.

Musical notation for the response 'Lord, have mer - cy.' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple, with a dotted quarter note on 'Lord,' and a half note on 'have mer - cy.' in both staves.

Priest: For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People:

Lord, — have mer - - - cy.

Musical notation for the response 'Lord, have mer - - - cy.' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is more melodic, with a dotted quarter note on 'Lord,' followed by a half note on 'have' and a dotted half note on 'mer - - - cy.' in both staves.

Alternate above melodies between the petitions that follow.

Priest: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

People:

To You, O Lord.

The musical notation is for a two-staff piece in G major (one sharp). The treble clef staff contains the melody: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter). The bass clef staff contains the accompaniment: G3 (quarter), A3-B3 (beamed eighth notes), C4 (quarter), B3-A3 (beamed eighth notes), G3 (quarter). The lyrics 'To You, O Lord.' are written below the treble staff, with a long horizontal line under 'You' and 'O'.

Priest: ...For unto You are due all glory, honour, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People:

A - men.

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Priest: O eternal God... For You are a good God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People:

A - men.

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Priest: Peace be unto all.

People:

And to your spi - rit.

Priest: Bow your heads unto the Lord.

People:

To You, — O — Lord.

Priest: O Lord our God... For unto You are due all glory, honour, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

A - men.

Then taking the rings, the priest blesses the bridal pair, making the sign of the cross with the ring of the bride over the bridegroom, and with that of the bridegroom over the bride, saying to the man (three times):

Priest: The servant of God _____ is betrothed to the handmaiden of God, _____, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And to the woman:

The handmaiden of God _____ is betrothed to the servant of God, _____, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And when he has said this to each of them three times, he places the rings on their hands. Then the bridal pair exchanges the rings three times.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People:

Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: O Lord our God, who accompanied the servant of the patriarch Abraham ...
...For You are He that blesses and sanctifies all things and unto You are due all glory,
honour, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever
and unto ages of ages.

People:

A - men.