

Mr & Mrs T. M. Thomas  
request the pleasure of the company of

MRS & MRS R. N. Bird

---

at the marriage of their daughter  
Diana, with Mr Roger Bird,  
at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge,  
on Monday, September 10th, 1956, at 2 p.m.,  
and afterwards at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

11 Eastgate,  
Cowbridge,  
Glam.

R. S. V. P.

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS  
COWBRIDGE

---

Monday,  
10th September, 1956

---

*Marriage of*  
DIANA THOMAS  
*and*  
ROGER BIRD

HYMN—"The Voice that breathed o'er Eden"

THE voice that breathed o'er Eden,  
That earliest wedding day,  
The primal marriage blessing,  
It hath not pass'd away :

Still in the pure espousal  
Of Christian man and maid  
The Holy Three are with us,  
The threefold grace is said,

For dower of blessed children,  
For love and faith's sweet sake,  
For high mysterious union  
Which nought on earth may break.

Be present, awful Father,  
To give away this bride,  
As Eve thou gav'st to Adam  
Out of his own pierced side;

Be present, Son of Mary,  
To join their loving hands,  
As Thou didst bind two natures  
In Thine Eternal bands;

Be present, Holiest Spirit,  
To bless them as they kneel,  
As Thou for Christ, the Bridegroom,  
The heavenly spouse dost seal.

O spread Thy pure wing o'er them,  
Let no ill power find place,  
When onward to Thine Altar  
The hallow'd path they trace.

To cast their crowns before Thee  
In perfect sacrifice,  
Till to the home of gladness  
With Christ's own Bride they rise.  
Amen

PSALM—"God be merciful unto us"

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us ;

That Thy way may be known upon earth : Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God: let all the people praise Thee

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.

God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen

HYMN—Lead, on Heavenly Father

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.

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.

SPIRIT of our GOD, descending,  
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
Love with every passion blending,  
Pleasure that can never cloy ;  
Thus provided, pardon'd, guided,  
Nothing can our peace destroy. Amen

HYMN—"The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want"

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.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale  
Yet will I fear none ill :  
For Thou art with me : and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My soul He doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness  
Even for His own name's sake.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes ;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me :  
And in God's House for evermore  
My dwelling-place shall be. *Amen.*