

Preface Great Thanksgiving 1 APBA Second Order Marriage theme

*This Preface uses images from Ephesians 5. It may be appropriate at the celebration of the anniversary of a marriage, or at a Mothers' Union service.*

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

You bless marriage and family life,  
and you call us to be subject to one another  
out of reverence for Christ.

In this you reveal the mystery  
of the love between Christ and the Church.

Therefore with angels and archangels...,

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