

## A Royal Wedding

### Scripture Reading — Psalm 45:1-9

*My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king. . . . — Psalm 45:1*

Any wedding is a pinnacle moment—not only for the couple involved but also for their family, friends, and community. Weddings can be expensive too. The average wedding in North America costs about \$30,000.

Psalm 45 is a song about a wedding—and not just any wedding, but the wedding of the king who rules over God’s people. This king is majestic and strong, victorious and gracious. He cares about “truth, humility and justice.” He sets the world to rights. This king is noteworthy because he aims to do what is right, living God’s way and opposing wickedness. What’s more, he is getting married.

As you may recall, there have been a few royal weddings in recent years. They get a lot of attention and sometimes put on quite a show. Many people get caught up in the pageantry and beauty of a royal wedding. Any marriage is a sign of hope for a new future. But with a *royal* wedding, the hope of a whole nation is renewed, and people are stirred up with joy.

In Hebrews 1:8-9, some words from Psalm 45 are used to -describe the kingship of the Son of God, Jesus. The most glorious earthly royal wedding is just a foretaste of history’s -final hope, when Christ the King comes for his bride.

### Prayer

*Christ our King, stir our hearts to sing the noble theme of your righteousness and love. Thank you for the glory of your bride, the church, throughout the world and down through the ages. Amen.*

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