Four Weddings and a Funeral or Two: Ceremonials of Celebration in the Early Modern Era

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The Multi-stage process....

- Banns
- Betrothal / engagement
- Travel and Preparation
- Procession
- **Marriage**
  - Vows (anywhere)
  - Church ceremony/celebrant
- Feast
- **Bedding**

MATRIMONIUM

Giving away and its sanctification

Stories from Romances: 14 in church, 7 in castle, 3 no details

Prepare, Process

Marriage, THEN Nuptial Mass...
Marriage could be early

- 1397: Isabella of Valois married Richard II
- Became Queen of England
- She was seven.
- Richard’s presents to his new wife included a set of dolls

To the right is Isabella, sister of Archduke Charles, later Holy Roman Emperor, with her doll, 1502.
A Tournai Tapestry In Wools And Silks Depicting A Royal Marriage. Circa 1520.
The Sacrament of Marriage. L'Art de bien vivre, Paris, 1492, vellum exemplar.
San Marino, California, The Huntington Library.
https://publishing.cdlib.org/ucpressebooks/view?docId=ft1d5nb0d9&chunk.id=d0e5802&toc.depth=1&toc.id=&brand=ucpress
Marie of Brabant, Marriage
Wedding of Louis X of France and Clemance_Hongrie, Grand Chronique fol. 313v
In Siena....

• 4 Jan 1459
• The Sienese Concistoro—made a legal exception
  • Allow palace musicians to participate in private celebrations within the city...
  • For the pope’s family

• Delegation included “Knights, doctors, and others”
• The Palace mace bearers
• Trumpeters and the wind band (Pifferi)
• Accompanied the Pope’s nieces in the **traditional bridal processions**

  • D’accone p. 469, 636
GIOTTO di Bondone
No. 12 Scenes from the Life of the Virgin: 6. Wedding Procession
1304-06
Fresco, 200 x 185 cm
Cappella Scrovegni (Arena Chapel), Padua
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Theodolinda Cycle (scene No. 21)
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Tomb Chapel of Queen Theodolinda, Cathedral, Monza

The scene on the south wall depicts the wedding festivities of Theodolinda and Authari in Verona.
ZAVATTARI, Franceschino
Theodolinda Cycle (scene No. 30)
1430-47
Fresco
Tomb Chapel of Queen Theodolinda, Cathedral, Monza
Nuptial mass

• Introit, "Deus Israel conjungat vos" (Nuptial Mass) Catholic Wedding Entrance Chant

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS-KY5bzu44
BANQUET (and bedding)
BOSCH, Hieronymus
Marriage Feast at Cana
- Oil on panel, 93 x 72 cm
Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam
GIUSTO de' Menabuoi
The Wedding at Cana
1376-78
Fresco
Baptistry, Padua
MASTER of the Catholic Kings
The Marriage at Cana
c. 1495/1497
Oil on panel, 137 x 93 cm
National Gallery of Art, Washington
DUCCIO di Buoninsegna
Wedding at Cana (scene 5)
1308-11
Tempera on wood, 44 x 47 cm
Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena
https://www.wga.hu/index1.html
MINIATURIST, French
Très Belles Heures de Notre-Dame du Duc de Berry
c. 1380
Manuscript (Ms. nouv. acq. lat. 3093), 280 x 200 mm
Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris
Shown at right is detail from the 1350s, *The Marriage* by Nicolo da Bologna. The bride wears her best dress and is accompanied by musicians and female friends or relatives.
EGMONT, Justus van
The Wedding Banquet of Zenobia
1660s
Tapestry, 288 x 460 cm
Private collection
(Bodleian MS Douce 6, f.160v): 14th c Flemish Psalter
SODOMA, II
Wedding of Alexander and Roxane
c. 1517
Fresco, 370 x 660 cm
Villa Farnesina, Rome
Dufay, Resvielles Vous

- Resvellies vous et faites chiere lye
- written in 1423 for the marriage of Carlo Malatesta and Vittoria di Lorenzo Colonna
- Yes, Cleophe’s brother
Dufay, Resvellies vous

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6By32kS8Wgc
Note that the image is of a different Dufay chanson
The big reveal at 1.17....
Love gentilesse
Rejoice, enjoy themselves, flee melancholy
Because ... today will be the espousal
Of CHARLE GENTIL...MALATESTE

Stanza 2: “chosen a good and beautiful lady... of barons who are well renowned”
Her own name proclaims VICTORY, from a COLUMN is she descended

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YZvETy2jFY
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BACK OF DECK
Gratian Decretals, 12th century

- CANON LAW: Marriage
- (a) *initiation*, the couple exchanged freely-consenting vows of marriage, which created a spiritual union between them
- (b) *completion* or *perfection* of the marriage, the couple created a physical union by consummating their bond sexually