

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 October 2020

**First reading:** A reading from the prophet Isaiah. (Is 25:6-10)

*The Lord will prepare a banquet for every nation*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain, he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 22(23)

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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**Second reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

(Phil 4:12-14,19-20)

*With the help of the One who gives me strength, there is nothing I cannot master*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;

to all who did accept him

He gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (Mt 22:1-14)

*Invite everyone you can to the wedding*

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

The Gospel of the Lord.