

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



11th of October

Take me home!

Priest's Tidings

Happy are the days of a good celebration, when we can forget our worries for a while, enjoy one another's company and laugh and sing, dance and be happy. We are lucky to have such a day now and then, a day of feasting and real joy. That is what God wishes for all of us. He has invited us to happiness without end and as a token of this he invites us, even now, to the feast meal of his Son Jesus. Do we care about this invitation? Are we aware that everyone is invited, also the weak and the poor and the sad? Let us enjoy our celebration with the Lord.

We come to today's eucharist in response to the invitation of Jesus our Lord who welcomes all to his festive meal. All are invited, but not all are here. Some dare not come because they feel we do not welcome them or think they are not good enough. Others are not aware that they are invited. Jesus asks us to welcome all and to make all feel at home with us as he feels at home with them.

Fr Hugo



Entrance Hymn: -365 - Let us build a house where love can dwell

Collect:

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First Reading:

Reading from the book of Isaiah 25

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.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 22

R./ 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./

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. **R/**

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

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..**R/**

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 Reading

Hear the The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Prayers of Intercession

R/ Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Good and gracious God, may our lives show the joy of knowing you and your love. Let preachers and teachers encourage all who hear them to come to you in love. Bless all who seek to extend our lives by a vision of your grace and goodness. We pray today for all religious writers and broadcasters.**R/**

Good and gracious God, as we go about our daily work may we show our joy in your presence. We ask your blessing upon all who encourage us to relax, to be still and to be attentive. We pray for artists and musicians, for craftspeople and gardeners, for all who beautify our world. We remember all who live in deprived and derelict areas and pray especially for the world poor.**R/**

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the love and attention we have received through our homes and dear ones We ask your blessing upon our families and friends and the communities in which we live and work We remember all who strive to improve our environment. We pray for all who are homeless and those who live on the streets of our towns and cities. **R/**

Good and gracious God, we thank you for our well-being. We ask your blessing upon all who are sad or depressed and all whose lives are darkened with troubles. We remember all who are ill and their loved ones as they care for them. We pray for those who work in hospitals and all who care for people in trouble.**R/**

Heavenly Father, we lift St Matthew's Elephant and Castle to You. By Your Spirit, grow Your church in number, faith, and love. Draw those who are searching to Christ, equip us to share the Gospel with boldness, and make us a welcoming community where lives are transformed. May all who come encounter Your presence. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen.**R/**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Offertory 678 - In Christ alone my hope is found,

Communion Hymn: Ten Thousand reasons -Bless the Lord.

1.The sun comes up, it's a new day
dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever
lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening
comes

[Chorus]

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

2.You're rich in love and You're slow
to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is
kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on
singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart
to find

[Chorus]

So bless the Lord, O my soul, O my
soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Bless you, Lord

3.And on that day when my strength
is failing
The end draws near and my time
has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise
unending
Ten thousand years and then forever
more
Forever more

[Chorus]

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Yes, I will worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

[Outro]

Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Jesus, I will worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

Post Communion Prayer:

Holy and blessed God, who dost vouchsafe to feed us with the body
and blood of thy Son and hast filled us with thy Holy Spirit: grant that
we may honour thee not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the
service of Jesus Christ our Lord.**Amen**

ALL: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Strengthen us by the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

Recessional 664 - How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!

Prayer and Meditation

Reflection Reading:

The parable of the wedding feast teaches that God invites everyone to share in His Kingdom, just as a king invited people to his son's wedding. The people who were originally invited rejected the invitation, so the king invited others, both good and bad, showing that God's invitation is open to everyone, including the Gentiles. However, the parable does not mean that God rejected Israel permanently. The man without a wedding garment shows that accepting God's invitation also requires living faithfully and according to His will. Therefore, the main message is that everyone is invited to God's Kingdom, but not everyone responds properly to the invitation or lives as God expects.

Personal Questions:

- Whom do the invited guests who refuse the invitation represent?
- Whom do the newly invited guests found in the street represent?
- Whom does the person without the wedding garment represent?
- Are there "urgent matters" in my life that prevent me from accepting God's invitation?
- What is the wedding garment God wants me to wear for me to take part at the wedding banquet of the Realm of God?"

Concluding Prayer:

The prayer thanks God for inviting us into His Church and His Kingdom. It asks the Holy Spirit to help us accept God's invitation, live with justice and holiness by following Christ's example, and prepare ourselves for God's heavenly banquet. It also asks God to use us to invite others to know Him and share in His Kingdom.

What's happening in our Parish!

Sunday

Mission WhatsApp Groups

We have a series of WhatsApp groups with activities voted for by the congregation. Please have a look and see if you would like to join one: if you are already in one, please think of ways you can proactively help run the activity you have volunteered for.

Welcoming at our Eucharist

Are you able to arrive at 9.15am to help welcome people into our church? If so, it would be lovely to have you join the welcoming team! Please chat to Cynthia so we can add you to the rota



Regular Giving

Many thanks for your generous giving to the ministry of St Matthews' each week. If you have taken home a red envelope please fill out the form and return it so we can plan our future developments of St Matthew's

Youth Club

Our Youth Club runs on Fridays from 5-7pm at Christ Church, 90 Brixton Road, SW9 6BE. All 14-18 year olds are welcome!

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