

Come to the wedding feast.’ <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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**Introit** *Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2*



I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.  
**I will greatly rejoice | in the LORD;\***  
**my soul shall exult | in my God,**  
for he has clothed me with the garments of sal- | vation;\*  
he has covered me with the robe of | righteousness,  
**as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful |**  
**headdress,\***  
**and as a bride adorns herself | with her jewels.**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

**Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C Amen.**



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.  
<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.  
<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the  
earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might  
save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 91:11; 103:1



He will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.  
**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\***  
**and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!**

Epistle Philippians 4:4–13

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your  
reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be  
anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of  
God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your  
minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is  
commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of  
praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received  
and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of  
peace will be with you.  
<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have  
revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but  
you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for  
I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how  
to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every  
circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger,  
abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who  
strengthens me.

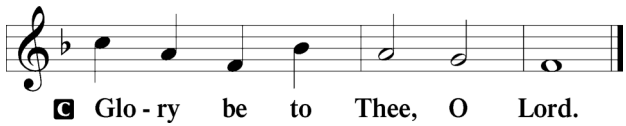
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Holy Gospel Matthew 22:1–14

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second  
chapter.



<sup>1</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of  
heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his  
son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the  
wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants,  
saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my  
oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready.



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