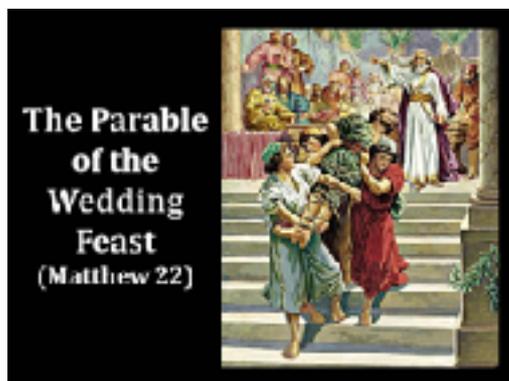


St Saviour's Church

15 October 2017 - (Ordinary Time 28 - Trinity 18)



The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22)

The scripture scholar, Walter Brueggemann identifies in today's gospel five very different images of God: a powerful destroyer; a place of refuge for the poor and needy; the "giver of the biggest dinner party you ever heard of"; a monster who devours death; and the gentle nurse who wipes away tears. He goes on to say that no single image can be adequate to characterise God. At the same time, he points out how the different images work together to tell a story of deliverance. Today we recall how God delivers us from all that is evil and gently nurtures his people to spiritual health and well being. (Church Times No. 8065)

Parish Notes:

Extra-ordinary AGM - Mass will be shorter today to allow for our AGM at 10:15 am. The main purpose of this meeting is to elect a new people's warden for the parish. Nomination forms are still available at the back of the church as are forms to join the electoral roll.

Service Times - We are currently consulting about what might be the best time for our Sunday service. Please let us know your opinion.

Cardiff Foodbank - Urgent items: tinned tomatoes, fruit juice (concentrate), rice pudding tins, sponge pudding, tinned fruit. Not now needed: beans, cereals, tea.

PCC Meeting - The next meeting of the parochial council is on 7 November at 7pm.

Funeral of Gareth Furnish is this Thursday at 9:45am in St Saviour's.

Sunday Readings - Copies of the Sunday Readings are available at the back of the church (Sunday Missals). They are also available to read in advance on our website.

Remembrance - During November Christians often remember those who have died and offer lists of departed loved ones to be prayed for. If you would like us to pray for your loved ones please give your list to Fr Phelim. We will remember them all during the Mass on All Souls' Day, Thurs 2nd November at 5:45 pm.

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter - information meetings for those interested in helping in this year's NS on Monday 30 Oct in St German's at 7:00pm and in St Saviour's on Tuesday 31 October at 7:00pm. (see our website for more details).

Saying Goodbye Service - for those who have lost a child in pregnancy, birth or in infancy in Llandaff Cathedral on Sat 21 October at 2:30pm. See poster at the back.

Recently Departed: Please pray for: Gareth Furnish, Sylvia Ross, Glenys Patricia Black and their families at this time.

This week:

Mon 16:

6pm Mass (St G)
St Richard Gwyn

Tues 17:

10am Mass (St S.)
St Ignatius of Antioch

Wed 18:

10am Mass (St G.)
ST LUKE, Evangelist
(School Mass)

Thur 19:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)

Fri 20:

6pm Mass (St S.)

Sat 21:

(St S.) No mass today

Sun 22:

St Saviour:
Sung Mass 9:30;
St German:
11 am Sung Mass;

Keep in touch:

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Matt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 45:1, 4-6
Ps 96:1+3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
1 Thess 1:1-5b
Matt 22:15-21

PSALM RESPONSE

'In the Lord's own
house shall I dwell for
ever and ever' (4vs)

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GATHERING:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace

OFFERTORY:

Purify my heart ,
Let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

**Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be... holy;
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be... holy;
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will.**

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin,
deep within.

COMMUNION:

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,
and all seemed sunk in night,
thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,
thy chosen sons of light.
On them and on thy people
thy plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one church, one faith one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

FINAL HYMN:

**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**

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

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

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 forevermore.

First reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for
all peoples
a banquet of rich food.
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.

Responsorial Psalm:

*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.

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

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.

Second reading

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

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.

Gospel

Matthew 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.'