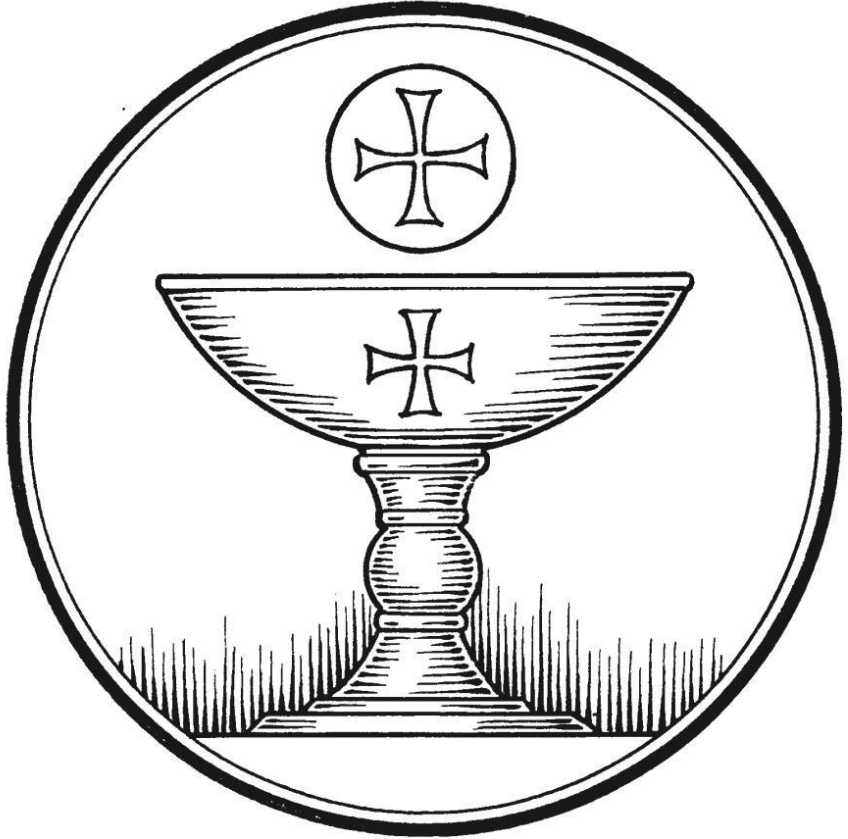


GRACE AT HOME



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

THE GREAT HIGH FEAST OF HEAVEN

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” – Proverbs 9:10

The Green season is always a season of challenges. It is a time in the church for us to grow in our faith, and much of this growth comes from trials and hard teachings. Today we have one of these hard lessons from Jesus about a banquet that no one wanted to go to, and so the master invites the unwanted to come instead. What do we learn about God from this story? What about ourselves do we see in the parable?

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 34:12-22

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:15-24

When one of those who reclined at the table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is the one who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

Then he told him, "A man was giving a large banquet and invited many. At the time of the banquet, he sent his servant to tell those who were invited, 'Come, because everything is now ready.' But without exception they all began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. I ask you to excuse me.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm going to try them out. I ask you to excuse me.' And another said, 'I just got married, and therefore I'm unable to come.'

So the servant came back and reported these things to his master. Then in anger, the master of the house told his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the city, and bring in here the poor, maimed, blind, and lame.'

‘Master,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, and there’s still room.’

Then the master told the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges and make them come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, not one of those people who were invited will enjoy my banquet.’”

QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

- 1) What does the banquet represent?
- 2) How does God welcome us into His banquet? How do we become one of God’s children?
- 3) Where do we celebrate God’s banquet each week?
- 4) What other gifts has God given us besides baptism that we enjoy when we feast at His banquet?
- 5) What does this parable tell us about what is most important in life and should always be our priority?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, who never fails to help and govern those whom You bring in steadfast fear and love of You, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Your Name, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

CATECHISM CORNER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

What benefits does God give in Baptism?

In Baptism, God forgives sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who trust what He has promised.

What is God’s promise?

In Mark 16, our Lord Jesus Christ says: “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

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DAILY READINGS

Monday - Isaiah 58

Tuesday - Psalm 36

Wednesday - 2 Samuel
3:17-21

Thursday - Philippians
4:1-9

Friday - Hebrews 4:12-16

