

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10.

The prophet gives a vision of God's love: He is a host, inviting all people to His banquet. Every need is met, every sorrow removed: all can enjoy God's friendship and closeness.

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20.

Paul tells us that God gives us strength and fulfils our needs lavishly, as only He can.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14.

God invites all people, good and bad alike, to his heavenly banquet. Whether we shall participate in the unending joyful celebration will depend on our response to God's invitation now. Will it be indifference, pursuit of selfish interests, or a life of loving service?



Points for Reflection

1. By the **parable of the wedding banquet**, Jesus wants to point out that God's plan of salvation is meant for all humanity. All people are invited by God to become his family and to share in the riches prepared by his merciful love.
2. Israel is no more a privileged people before God. As far as salvation is concerned, we all stand in the same position before God. We are all his creatures and we are all sinners in need of his mercy. We all are also invited to form his family.
3. It was in Jesus Christ that God made his universal plan of salvation, his work of assembling all people into his family, manifest and definitive.
4. God, however, will not carry out his plan of salvation unless we co-operate with him: unless we respond to his invitation to the banquet and, at the same time, we accept to become his servants, willing to summon ever more people to the wedding.
5. Jesus fully committed himself to that plan of God. He is the Son for whom the King gave the wedding banquet. But all those who do not allow the affairs of this life, their pleasures as well as their obligations, to blot out their vision of salvation as the real goal of life, and accept Jesus' way of life, are called to do what Jesus did. They, too, have to share actively in the task of bringing ever more people to God's family.

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Kids' Corner

Colour the picture based on today's Gospel reading below.

