

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY



First Reading † Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord Sabaoth is preparing for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of succulent food, of well-strained wines.

On this mountain, he has destroyed
the veil which veiled all peoples,
the pall enveloping all nations.
He has destroyed death for ever.
Lord God has wiped away the tears from every cheek;
he has taken his people's shame away over all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

And on that day it will be said,
'Look, this is our God,
in him we put our hope that he would save us.
This is the Lord, we waited for him.
Let us exult and rejoice in his salvation.'
For the Lord's hand will rest on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 22

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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;
he revives my soul.

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

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

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Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for the length of days unending.

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Second Reading # Philippians 4:12-14.19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to live modestly, and I know how to have plenty: I have been initiated into every condition and all conditions, both being full-fed and being hungry, both in plenty and in poverty.

I can do all things in the One who strengthens me, though it was good of you to share with me in my hardships.

And my God will fulfil all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation # cf Ephesians 1:17.18

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
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Gospel [longer form] † Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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“Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my banquet, 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 were not worthy, go to the main crossroads and invite to the wedding everyone you can find.”

So these servants went out onto 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 into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

For many are invited but few are chosen.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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