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**Worship Times**

Sunday 10:15 am  
Wednesday 7:00 pm



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Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal

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*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

# Gathering

## ✠ INTRODUCTION

*In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others.*

## ✠ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C Amen.

P Reconciling God,

C **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## ❖ HYMN OF REFLECTION – To the Banquet, Come

### To the Banquet, Come



1 To the ban - quet, come, it's not just for some,  
2 At the ban - quet, eat, man - y friends to greet;  
3 At the ban - quet, drink, with all peo - ple link,  
4 To the ban - quet, come, it's not just for some,



but for all, big and small: you may come.  
it's a meal and it's real: you may eat.  
grasp a hand, take a stand: you may drink.  
but for all, big and small: you may come.

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## ❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A Let us pray. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

# Word

## ✘ FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 25:1-9

*After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, <sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

<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 wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace 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, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ✘ GOSPEL – Matthew 22:1-14

*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

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

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ✘ SERMON

⊗ **HYMN OF THE DAY – Let Us Go Now to the Banquet (ELW #523)**

*Refrain*

***(John will sing the first time)***

Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.  
The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

***(Pr. Julio will now sing in Spanish)***

***(The congregation will now sing together)***

Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.  
The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

- 1 I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I'm walking, with my friends and my family.

*Refrain*

- 2 God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good  
where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food.

*Refrain*

- 3 May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have.

*Refrain*

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## ✘ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Joined together in confidence of God's grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

P We pray for the church, O God our Shepherd: that even through global sorrows the church can rejoice in your salvation, that bishops, pastors, deacons, and church leaders be sustained for their ministries, that churches find strength in ecumenical and interracial collaboration, that church members resolve their conflicts in peace, and that all the baptized find ways in this difficult time to uphold what is honorable and just. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the earth, O God our Creator: that the damaged places on earth be restored to fruitfulness, that animals in the wild be safeguarded, and that we humans will be dedicated to a commendable use of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for peace and justice, O God our Ruler: that national conflicts be resolved without warfare and destruction, that the work of diplomats and international peace workers be honored, that leaders of nations attend to the needs of the poor, that our country be preserved from discord, rancor, and violence, that the election process will be just, that prejudice based on ethnicity, skin color, and economic status be ended, and that justice will prevail in our laws and through our courts. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We pray during this pandemic, O God our Healer: that the plague of the coronavirus will subside, that all who are sick with the virus, from rulers to refugees, be healed, that people living with fear be comforted, that medical workers be supported and medical supplies be made everywhere available, and that a vaccine be developed and fairly distributed. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for all in need, O God our Guardian: that those who suffer from want be assisted, that those without work find jobs, that children be educated, that ministries of care be strengthened to feed those who hunger and those without homes, that extremism be lessened and a spirit of cooperation be nurtured, and for all who are sick, especially those we name before you now, silently or aloud... Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**



P We pray for ourselves, O God our Mother: that you welcome our personal petitions...  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise and pray to you, O God our Homeland: that you receive our thanks for all those who have died in the faith, that when facing our own death, you give us hope, and that you grant us your peace throughout our days. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, merciful God our Father, we offer ourselves and all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### ✠ PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

### ✠ LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### ✠ BLESSING

P Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**C Amen.**

### ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

⊠ **SENDING HYMN – Go Now in Peace**

## Go Now in Peace

Musical notation for the hymn "Go Now in Peace". The score is written on a single treble clef staff. It consists of two lines of music. The first line is marked with a "1\*" above the first measure and a "2" above the second measure. The second line is marked with a "3" above the first measure. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the love of God sur - round you

ev - 'ry - where, ev - 'ry - where you may go.

*\*may be sung as a round*

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⊠ **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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