

## **JANUARY 16 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Commentator**

Good morning!

On behalf of the Charis Community, I welcome you to our Sunday Mass. All are truly welcome, and we are excited that you are joining us whether it's your first time praying with us or if you've been with us for a while. The worship aid for Mass is on our website, and we will put the address in the chat for you should you like to pull it up to support your prayer.

We are a Eucharistic people, so we invite you to have bread and wine, in whatever form you have it, with you where you are. Even though we are in many locations, we affirm that we are one table of believers. We trust that the Holy Spirit has never been and will never be restrained by time or space or distance! So we gather as one people, as one Body, rooted in Christ, and rooted in God's love, together.

The Gospel today takes us to the wedding at Cana. It is an epiphany story, the first of the "signs" that manifest the power and presence of God in Jesus' acts.

The setting of a wedding feast also echoes both the marriage bond between God and Israel and the messianic banquet at the end of time. This story also shows the fullness of Jesus' humanity and divinity. Jesus was present at this wedding to have a good time, to enjoy this moment, to be fully human—and at the same time, Jesus changes water into wine, altering the perception of him as an observer to an active participant of God's reign on earth.

We gather ourselves and begin our prayer in song with the joy we would bring to a wedding!

## **FIRST READING**

### **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.**

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn  
and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
you shall be called by a new name  
pronounced by the mouth of the Most High.  
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the Most High,  
a royal diadem held by your God.

No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"  
or your land "Desolate,"  
but you shall be called "My Delight,"  
and your land "Espoused."  
For the Most High delights in you  
and espouses your land.

As a young man marries a young woman,  
your Builder shall marry you;  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride  
so shall your God rejoice in you.

The Word of God.

R/. Thanks be to God.

## **SECOND READING**

### **A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.**

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;  
there are different forms of service but the same One we serve;  
there are different workings but the same God  
who inspires all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit  
is given for some benefit.

To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom;  
to another, the expression of knowledge according to the  
same Spirit;  
to another, faith by the same Spirit;  
to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit;  
to another, mighty deeds;  
to another, prophecy;  
to another, discernment of spirits;  
to another, varieties of tongues;  
to another, interpretation of tongues.

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,  
distributing them individually to each person as the Spirit wishes.

The Word of God.

R/. Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there.  
Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.  
When the wine ran short,  
the mother of Jesus said to him,  
"They have no wine."

And Jesus said to her,  
"Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servers,  
"Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there  
for Jewish ceremonial washings,  
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus told them,  
"Fill the jars with water."

So they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them,  
"Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."

So they took it.

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,  
without knowing where it came from  
-- although the servers who had drawn the water knew --  
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,  
"Everyone serves good wine first,  
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;  
but you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee  
and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Good News of our Savior Jesus Christ.

R/. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (COMMENTATOR)**

God of wedding parties and new wine,  
of love and laughter, dancing and singing,  
we pause to pray for those among your worldwide family  
who today may be feeling left out in the cold. Our response is, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Bless the many people who must toil for such long hours  
that there is no time or energy to laugh or sing. God of Love, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Bless your children who feel so demeaned and exploited that they view even  
angels of mercy with suspicion and fear. God of Love, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Bless those among your children whose every waking hour is spent in pain,  
and whose sleep is at the best fitful. God of Love, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Bless those people who are drawn to Christ and new life, yet who fear the scorn of  
family, friends or workmates. God of Love, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Bless your children who once tasted the new wine of Christ but have now slipped  
away into indifference, or even despair. God of Love, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Bless those folk who with much trembling, hand their lives over to you this day.  
May they find faith and courage for the days to come. God of Love, **Hear Our  
Prayer.**

Bless the people of Charis, that abundant love may flow in our prayers  
and our prayers flow into generous words and deeds. God of Love, **Hear Our  
Prayer.**

For what else do we want to pray this morning? I invite you to unmute your mike  
to share your prayers.

*Commentator after people are no longer offering individual prayers :*

O God, our Creator and our Savior, we thank you that you have revealed yourself  
to us in Jesus Christ. As he was a transforming presence that day in Cana, help us  
to be people of transforming service. Help us always to believe in you and to  
celebrate your presence every day by the love we show to one another. We ask  
this in the name of our brother Jesus. **Amen**

### Prayer after Communion

Loving God, help us take the wedding sign out into the world with us today:  
Stone jars of cold water that can be turned into new wine,  
a sign of hope for the strong and weak,  
the middle aged, the old and young,  
the downcast and the buoyant,  
those with largish faith or very little faith.  
Through your grace, we go out from here with more than we brought in,  
more than enough to share, **Amen.**