

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



19th January 2025



JESUS TURNS
WATER
INTO
WINE



TAKE ME HOME !

Priest's Tidings

The Lord wants to tell us today that life is a feast. A feast? With all its troubles and miseries? Yes, a feast, if we learn to look at it with eyes of faith, if we come to see what makes life beautiful. We all have our daily cares, we may have days of mourning and problems, but the deepest reality is that we are not alone, that we have God, who lets us drink the wine of his love, God who gives us Jesus to lead us to him. Let us drink the wine of joy!

When two young people set out together on the adventure of married life, they affirm that they believe in each other, in love, in life, in the future. This is the message God speaks to us today. He has committed himself to us, his people, in a covenant bond of love, as lasting and as beautiful as marriage, when his Son Jesus became human. In him he has given himself to us for ever, for better and for worse, accepting that his Son laid down his life for us, so that we might live. He continues to change for us the water of the drabness and failures of our existence into plenty of wine and joy. And the best wine will be kept for the end, for eternal happiness. In this Eucharist Jesus changes bread and wine for us into the food and drink of life.



Fr. Hugo

Entrance Hymn:

276 – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Collect:

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading:

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

For Sion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R./Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. O sing to the Lord; bless his name.. **R./**

Proclaim his salvation day by day. Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples. **R./**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and power; ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name..**R/**

Worship the Lord in holy splendour. O tremble before him, all the earth. Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R/**

Second Reading:

Reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance 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 the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

787 – Take my life and let it be

Gospel Reading

Hear the The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John .

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master

of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.' This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Chris

Prayers of Intercession



Lord God, strength of the weak and light to all who walk in darkness, help us to proclaim your saving power not only in words but also by our lives. Help us to reveal the joy of knowing you and your love. We ask you to bless all preachers and teachers of the faith. Guide all who study Scriptures and all who are learning through the example of others. We pray for all who are being prepared for Confirmation at this time.

Lord of life and love,
renew and refresh us.

Lord, we pray for the world and a right use of its resources. We ask your blessing upon any who are suffering from natural disasters, upon those suffering from famine or flood. We remember all whose resources are running low and we pray for the world poor and all who are without work or proper shelter.

Lord of life and love,
renew and refresh us.

We give thanks for all who have supplied us with our daily needs. for our homes and for our loved ones. We ask your blessing on homes that are suffering from great debt or where the household is unable to cope through various troubles.

Lord of life and love,
renew and refresh us.

We give thanks for our well-being and we pray for all who are struggling at this time. We remember those who are suffering from physical disability or weakness, all who are losing agility or mobility. We pray for all who do not have the strength to cope on their own. We ask your blessing upon all who have been taken into care.

Lord of life and love,
renew and refresh us.

We give thanks for the resurrection of our Lord and for the promise of life eternal. We pray for our friends and loved ones departed and ask that they may know newness and fullness of life in your kingdom. We

rejoice in the fellowship of all your saints and pray that we may share with them in glory.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn:

104 – Let all the world in every corner sing,

Communion Hymn:

537 – For the beauty of the earth,

Post Communion Prayer:

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord...**Amen.**

Recessional Hymn:

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in
the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our
way!

While we do His good will, He
abides with us still
And with all who will trust and
obey

Chorus

Trust and obey, for there's no
other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to
trust and obey

Not a shadow can rise, not a
cloud in the skies
But His smile quickly drives it
away

Not a doubt or a fear, not a
sigh or a tear
Can abide while we trust and
obey

Chorus

Trust and obey, for there's no
other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to
trust and obey

Not a burden we bare, not a
sorrow we share
But our toil he doth richly
repay

Not a grief nor a loss, not a
frown nor a cross
But is bless if we trust and
obey.

Chorus

Trust and obey, for there's no
other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to
trust and obey

But we never can prove, the
delights of his love
Until all on the alter we lay.

For the favour he shows and
the joy he bestows
Are for them who will trust and
obey

Chorus

Trust and obey, for there's no
other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to
trust and obey

Then in fellowship sweet we
will sit at His feet

Or we'll walk by His side in the
way
What He says we will do,
where He sends, we will go
Never fear, only trust and obey

Chorus

Trust and obey, for there's no
other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to
trust and obey

Prayer and Meditation

John often tells us about events not related in the other Gospels. The wedding at Cana is one of them.

Much of the focus in this passage is on Jesus and his mother Mary. Many details are not included, so as we read the passage the questions start to pop up. How did Jesus come to know the bride and groom? Did Jesus know their families? Were the bride and groom followers of Jesus? Were all the disciples there?

John turns our attention to the wine running out. This would have been a major disgrace for the bride's family and would have spoilt the bride and groom's special day.

Only a few short words are exchanged between Jesus and Mary. Have they had conversations like this before about Jesus' ministry? We are not told.

When Mary speaks about the need for wine, Jesus takes this to mean she is asking him to do something about it. But he is reluctant. Mary doesn't give up hope. She simply tells the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. Mary doesn't ask for a miracle in so many words but perhaps this is what she is hoping for.

Jesus instructs the servants to fill six huge stone jars with water. The servants follow Jesus' instructions

and the water miraculously becomes wine.

We are not specifically told whether the wedding guests know about this miracle at the time. But surely the servants would have talked about this amazing event - if not during the wedding itself then afterwards.

We are however told that the disciples did know about it and this miracle caused them to believe in Jesus. John also adds the interesting detail that the wine Jesus produced was no ordinary wine – it was top quality!

Meditatio:

- Meditate on the symbolism in this miracle – the bride and groom, a wedding celebration, the new wine.
- How surprised are you that Jesus' first miracle is turning water into wine? Why do you think Jesus went ahead and performed the miracle?
- What does this passage reveal about what Mary believed about her son?

Oratio:

Psalm 96 is a wonderful song of praise. Why not join the psalmist

and make his words part of your daily prayer this week, 'Proclaim every day the good news that he has saved us.'

Contemplatio:

Allow God to cherish you and lavish the gifts of his Spirit on you. We are part of the church, which the Bible tells us is the bride of Jesus himself. It is his great pleasure to lavish his love on his bride.

As God's love flows over you remember God's desire to have a perfect bride. Don't lose heart. God can transform his bride as easily and wonderfully as Jesus transformed the wine.

What's happening in our Parish!

Sunday — Mass at 9:30 am

Caribbean Cultural Celebration

Sunday 9th February: please bring some tasty food!

Mothering Sunday Celebration

Sunday 30th March

TTC

Our Youth Club, Teen Thursday Club (TTC), runs every week from 5-7pm at Christ Church, 90 Brixton Road. Please spread the word!

Daily Bible Verses

Mon 20 Jan Hebrews 5:7

Tues 21 Jan Hebrews 6:10

Weds 22 Jan Hebrews 7:16

Thurs 23 Jan Hebrews 7:27

Fri 24 Jan Hebrews 8:6

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