

# Celebrating the Eucharist

## LIVING LITURGY™

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 11, 2020

### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

*In a gospel story filled with such violence, it might be easy to forget we are dealing with a merciful God! As indicated in several parables, Matthew's church had the wisdom and experience to have learned that there were some in the church who did not belong. There are weeds within the wheat. Sadly, our modern experience reflects this too. Simply being in the church does not make one holy, God's chosen, or a paragon of virtue. Only God has the authority to eternally expel such a person. The sobering reminder that "many are invited but few are chosen" should cause us to pause, reflect, and reexamine our lives.*



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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON PSALM 130(129):3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

### COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The king was enraged and sent his troops,  
destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.  
Then he said to his servants, "The feast is ready,  
but those who were invited were not worthy to come.  
Go out, therefore, into the main roads  
and invite to the feast whomever you find."  
The servants went out into the streets  
and gathered all they found, bad and good alike,  
and the hall was filled with guests. ]

But when the king came in to meet the guests,  
he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment.

The king said to him, "My friend, how is it  
that you came in here without a wedding garment?"  
But he was reduced to silence.

Then the king said to his attendants, "Bind his hands and feet,  
and cast him into the darkness outside,  
where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."  
Many are invited, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON CF. PSALM 34(33):11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

or 1 JOHN 3:2

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,  
that, as you feed us with the nourishment  
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,  
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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**READING I**

L 142-A · ISAIAH 25:6-10a

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines,

juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.

On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever.

The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face;

the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth;

for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!

This is the LORD for whom we looked;

let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** PSALM 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

**℟. (6cd) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **℟.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

with your rod and your staff that give me courage. **℟.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **℟.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. **℟.**

**READING II**

PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

*I can do all things in him who strengthens me.*

Brothers and sisters:

I know how to live in humble circumstances;

I know also how to live with abundance.

In every circumstance and in all things

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry,

of living in abundance and of being in need.

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need,

in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** see EPHESIANS 1:17-18

**℟. Alleluia, alleluia.**

℟. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our hearts,

so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. **℟.**

**GOSPEL READING**

MATTHEW 22:1-14

or *Shorter Form* [MATTHEW 22:1-10]

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*Invite to the wedding feast whomever you find.*

[Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying,

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king

who gave a wedding feast for his son.

He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.

A second time he sent other servants, saying,

“Tell those invited: “Behold, I have prepared my banquet,

my calves and fattened cattle are killed,

and everything is ready; come to the feast.”

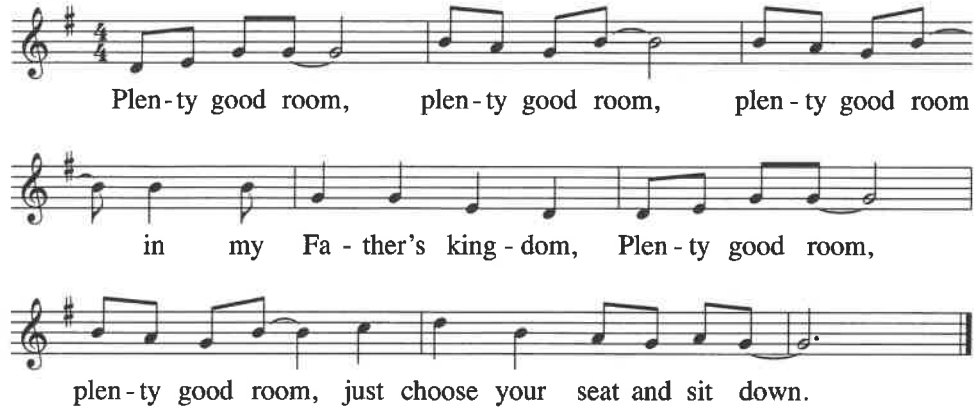
Some ignored the invitation and went away,

one to his farm, another to his business.

The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

# Plenty Good Room

## Refrain



Plen-ty good room, plen-ty good room, plen-ty good room  
in my Fa-ther's king-dom, Plen-ty good room,  
plen-ty good room, just choose your seat and sit down.

## Verses



1. I would not be a sin-ner,  
2. I would not be a li-ar, I'll tell you the rea-son  
3. I would not be a back-slid-er,  
why; cause if my Lord should call on me I  
would-n't be read-y to die. **D.C.**

Text: African American spiritual  
Tune: African American spiritual

# We Come to Your Feast

## Verses

*Cantor or choir:*



1. We place up - on your ta - ble a gleam - ing cloth of
2. We place up - on your ta - ble a hum - ble loaf of
3. We place up - on your ta - ble a sim - ple cup of
4. We gath - er 'round your ta - ble, we pause with - in our



white: the weav - ing of our sto - ries,  
 bread: the gift of field and hill - side,  
 wine: the fruit of hu - man la - bor,  
 quest, we stand be - side our neigh - bors.



the fab - ric of our lives; the dreams of those be -  
 the grain by which we're fed; we come to taste the  
 the gift of sun and vine; we come to taste the  
 we name the stran - ger "guest." The feast is spread be -



fore us, the an - cient hope - ful cries,  
 pres - ence of him on whom we feed,  
 pres - ence of him we claim as Lord,  
 fore us; you bid us come and dine:



the prom - ise of our fu - ture: our need - ing and our  
 to strength - en and con - nect us, to chal - lenge and cor -  
 his dy - ing and his liv - ing, his lead - ing and his  
 in bless - ing we'll un - cov - er, in shar - ing we'll dis -



nur - ture lie here be - fore our eyes.  
 rect us, to love in word and deed.  
 giv - ing, his love in cup out - poured.  
 cov - er your sub - stance and your sign.

Refrain

*All:* We come to your feast, we come to your  
feast: the young and the old, the fright-ened, the  
bold, the great-est and the least. We come to your  
feast, we come to your feast  
with the fruit of our lands and the work of our  
hands, we come to your feast.

The musical score consists of six staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo/mood is marked 'All:'. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) on the first, second, fourth, and sixth staves. The music concludes with a double bar line on the sixth staff.

Text: Michael Joncas, b.1951  
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