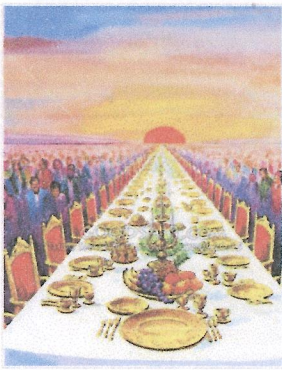


WHAT A WEDDING FEAST

From the generous landowner who wanted to give work even to those who came “at the eleventh hour”, to the father and the two sons, both of whom changed their minds, then to the master who let out his vineyard to the tenants, and now to a King who gives a wedding feast. What binds all these parable-characters together?

The Kingdom of heaven is like... this is Jesus’ great concern in his preaching, to usher in God’s Reign, which is present in himself. He was the “son and heir” to the vineyard of last Sunday’s Gospel, and now he is the “son” whose wedding feast to his Church is celebrated in the parable today. The invitation from the Kingly-Father who has been angered that the original invitees deigned not to attend, is open to all and generous, like that of the God of the Psalms, who “*opens wide his hand and grants the desires of all who live*”. Indeed, the wedding feast is a celebration of salvation itself, and the parable is addressed once again to the “chief priests and elders of the people”.

The parable and its invitation, like previous parables and the work of the vineyard entrusted to those who receive the call, is really an outline of salvation history from the Christian perspective. The Lord who tells it is surely saddened that Israel (at least in her chief priests and elders) has either downright refused the final revelation and invitation to the Kingdom banquet, issued in the person of the Promised Messiah, the “son of the king”, having already maltreated the servants of God (who were the prophets), or sought to accept the invitation but refused to wear the wedding garment of the new covenant when attending the feast.

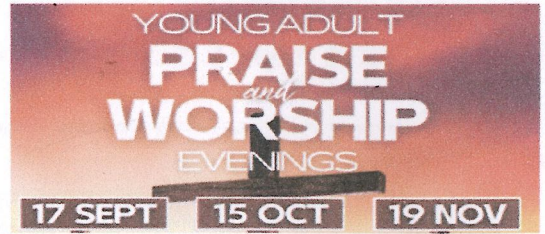


Nevertheless, the king issues the invitation to all, (mindful of the kingdom’s eleventh hour policy!) to “bad and good alike”, seeking us out on the highways and byways of our lives, not resting until the banquet hall is full. But, remember to wear the wedding garment of love, joy and readiness to celebrate when you accept the invitation to share the feast!

A PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

O God of the banquet,
the wedding feast of Christ your Son,
is the Eucharist of your Church,
which is nourishment for our lives
and the gate of heaven to all your people.
Open our community to all who seek you;
fill it with the rich diversities of gifts and talents
with which you have adorned your world.
May our lives bear witness to the banquet
of eternal life, where all will be welcome. Amen

Young Adult Praise and Worship evening



The next evening takes place at the Cathedral Hall, 150 Nethergate, this Sunday 15 October from 7pm until 8.30pm, This event is for those aged between 16 and 35.

It was a great success last time and much enjoyed. Please come and join us—a warm welcome awaits. Refreshments included.



The next **Sunday evening**
Cathedral dinner for young
people take place on **Sunday 29**
October after the evening Mass.
All young folk are welcome.

The Faith and Belief (Dundee and Tayside)

Annual Lecture takes place at 6pm on Tuesday 24 October 2023 in the Heartfulness Centre, 51 Cowgate, Dundee DD1 2JF. The Guest Speaker will George Morehead, Engagement Officer, Mary’s Meals – an organisation serving nutritious food in some of the world’s poorest countries so children have energy to learn in school.

*This will be followed by Refreshments
and the Annual General Meeting 7-8pm*



The Synod Prayer

We stand before you Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts.

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path, nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All of this we ask of You who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and Son forever and ever. Amen