

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 LORD.
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD,
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 LORD delights in you
and makes your land his spouse.
As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm 96

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song;

Sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,

give to the LORD glory and praise;

give to the LORD the glory due his name!

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Worship the LORD in holy attire.

Tremble before him, all the earth;

Say among the nations: The LORD is king.

He governs the peoples with equity.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

A Reading from the First Letter of 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 Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces 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 he wishes.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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 Jesus 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.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechumenate Session
Wedding Feast at Cana
Cycle C
Trinity

Opening Prayer:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen
Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in
the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Reflection

Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

Reflection

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Reflection

Gospel: John 2:1-12

Reflection

Questions

Questions: Recall a time when you were in a relationship with someone; remember your feelings and experiences. Remember the feelings of challenge and responsibility as well as affirmation?

As a Christian you are called to be in a relationship with God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How do you respond?

What is a concrete way you can respond to being in a relationship with God?

Paul tells us that we have many “gifts/talents”. What are your gifts/talents that you are asked to share with others?

What do you find challenging in tonight’s readings?

Closing Prayer:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen
Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in
the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Notes

This Sunday is kind of a **bridge with what is gone on before and with what is to come**

John —reveals **who Jesus is ...**

events surrounding Birth of Jesus Epiphany, Baptism, wedding feast of Cana—

John allows us to see all at once what is implied in Jesus' coming into this world

Divine glory—God's wedding with humanity

Give timeline of events surrounding birth then to baptism, and now at Cana (show on MAP)

First Reading

Story about Jerusalem

(Babylonian exile... **return to Judah**—538 BC...exile and return) turbulent years

Celebrating the return from exile

Written at time of exiles return and reconstruction of Jerusalem.

“My Delight” Jerusalem's new name; thru out OT Jerusalem renamed city of justice; faithful city.

Rename city with hope that Jerusalem restored after the exile ill be a different kind of city

Consistent theme ---exiles Judah's and Jerusalem's sin brought on by themselves

In this reading God promises to restore Jerusalem to a place of honor among nations

1. Jerusalem will be a crown; a diadem...a crown worn by royalty

2. City will be given a new name: My delight

3. Nuptial imagery used

Isaiah uses imagery of marriage of God to Israel.

“As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.”

Psalm 96

Classic expression of **praise and thanksgiving on the lips of those who have experienced firsthand the saving deeds of the Lord** –Missionary note

Second Reading

Will continue reading 12. 13. and 15

Paul writes a letter to the city of Corinth; divided community.

Corinth a **relatively new large city...destroyed in 146 BC**

Vibrant and fervent community...wealthy but rich and poor, downtrodden and slaves.

Paul addresses **the difficulties that had arisen in that community over the exercise of charismatic gifts.**

Arrogance and competition over whose gifts were more important threaten to divide the community.

Paul states **all gifts come from the one Spirit** and are intended to build up the Body of Christ in a climate of harmony and mutual acceptance.

Paul insists that all these gifts were given “for the common good, rather than to inflate any individual.

Paul tolerates a wide variety of behavior, provided no harm can come to the community or its individual members because of it
Differences of gifts in the Corinthian community argues for its unity

Refrain of a **unity that underlies the diversity of roles, tasks, and gifts in the community sounds throughout**

The variety of spiritual gifts must not be a basis for division

Christ is NOT divided...Corinthians must NOT be divided...heal their rifts

Diversity: of these gifts. service, and workings speak to the unity within the one who provides them

Unity that must also characterize the Church called together by him

Gifts were for community not individuals,

So in this reading we hear:

1. Revelation of Jesus as Lord
2. Varieties of gifts
3. Diversity and unity within body

Gifts fall into three groups

1. Wisdom and knowledge
2. Faith, healing and miracle.-working
3. Prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues and interpretation of tongues

Prophecy...not tell the future but whether it is a genuine or false statement

Fight before Gift of Tongue only spiritual gift

Gospel

Miracle—signs...mystery of faith

This gospel account reports how Jesus works his **first** sign, changing water into wine, at a wedding feast.

Beginning of his public life

According to John knowing and accepting where **Jesus comes from and where he is going are important elements of the Christology of John's Gospel.**

Given a **clue** to the highly symbolic nature of John's Gospel...Not complete

6 water jars—a lot of wine symbolizes God's abundant love for us...Unearned...Unconditional. Unmerited. (Grace)

Changes ordinary water to wine... to wine of eternal life

Will the wine run out...YES!

Water Jars used for rituals before and after meals... wine...fulfills the teaching that has gone before him

We need to hear the word of God...bring the word of God to life

John's gospel does not have any details about Jesus' birth

John's gospel is written from understanding of Jesus—Jesus replaced worship

Three common themes:

Jesus shifts from human level to spiritual level

Water Jars used for rituals before and after meals... wine...fulfills the teaching that has gone before him

Deeper meaning sign of water turning into wine...glory of Jesus revealed. Disciple were converted

Mary at Wedding-impatience with Jesus' glory...Jesus influenced by his mother?

Jesus shifts the focus from human level to the spiritual realm

Mary-woman: woman of **Genesis** woman of **Revelation**

Mary received her commission not at Cana but at the cross upon the **death of her Son; the sign of the Church**

Disciple presence...believed

Jesus reveals his glory—one who was to come

Transition

We may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing we may have life in his name.

This reading has been used by the Church over the centuries to deepen our understanding of how, in marriage, the action of Christ transforms the love of Christian spouses into grace reality...a sacrament

Tonight rather than addressing just marriage, I am going to broaden the concept and look at **relationship**

Trinity

Mystery—never understand it—brain is limited

No proof; can't prove it

Trinity is central mystery of our faith; we know about it through God otherwise we would have **no way of knowing** that the nature of God is Trinitarian

One God, in three divine persons

Not three gods; each of the 3 persons of the Trinity is God, whole and complete.

Each one is separate as a person in that they don't meld or blend into each other

They relate to each other as distinct but not as separate Nature of God is to be other centered in love and mutual self giving

To love others without wanting something in return

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is the formulation of the Christian experience of God as three divine Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit in one divine nature.

The 3 persons are distinct in the sense that the Father is not the son and the Son is not identical to the Spirit; but they are one in the sense that there is but one God.

Each of the Persons of the Trinity is the same God, though none of them is identical with any other. In the New Testament Jesus prayed to the Father and promised his Spirit.

Trinity is community

We know the Trinity through the **actions** of God in Christ continued in and through the Spirit

Mystery: God reveals himself to us: God reveals it...otherwise we would not know about it

As Father, creator of all that is;

As Son, redeemer of the world;

As Spirit, Principle of life and unity in the Church; divine love

Questions

What understanding of this gospel did you bring with you to this discussion?

Are there any new insights?

What is John's primary purpose in writing this gospel?

How is that relevant today? (How you treat people)

How does this story speak to your life?

What was John trying to tell his community?

How would we today receive the message of this gospel?

In what ways is our community called to respond?

What are examples of total self-giving among people you know?

How would you describe a union of heart and soul?