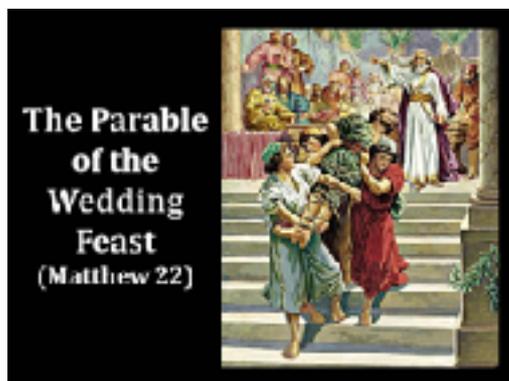


St German's Church

15 October 2017 - (Ordinary Time 28 - Trinity 18)



The scripture scholar, Walter Brueggemann identifies in today's gospel five very different images of God: a powerful destroyer; a place of refuge for the poor and needy; the "giver of the biggest dinner party you ever heard of"; a monster who devours death; and the gentle nurse who wipes away tears. He goes on to say that no single image can be adequate to characterise God. At the same time, he points out how the different images work together to tell a story of deliverance. Today we recall how God delivers us from all that is evil and gently nurtures his people to spiritual health and well being. (Church Times No. 8065)

Parish Notes:

Welcome- We warmly welcome Lindsay Gray and the Caritas Choir to our service today and thank them in advance for the music they will share with us in our worship.

Rome Trip Meeting - After mass next Sunday 22 October when we will look in more detail at the proposed itinerary etc. Final instalments can be handed in then.

Saying Goodbye Service - for those who have lost a child in pregnancy, birth or in infancy in Llandaff Cathedral on 21 October at 2:30pm. See poster at the back.

Memorial Garden - Today after Church a working party will gather to focus on the garden and flower beds in the Church Yard - light refreshments provided.

BBC Morning Worship from St German's at 9:45am tomorrow Monday 16 October

New Vestments -thank you to an anonymous donor for enabling us to buy a new Green Chasuble and tunicles for the liturgical ministry of sub-deacon (which Geraint does for us).

Remembrance - During November Christians often remember those who have died and offer lists of departed loved ones to be prayed for. If you would like us to pray for your loved ones please give your list to Fr Phelim. We will remember them all during the Mass on All Souls' Day, Thurs 2nd November at 5:45 pm.

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter - information meetings for those interested in helping in this year's NS on Monday 30 Oct in St German's at 7:00pm and in St Saviour's on Tuesday 31 October at 7:00pm. (see our website for more details).

Baptism Today - of Chase Meredith-Noice at 1:30pm.

Recently Departed: Please pray for: Gareth Furnish, Sylvia Ross, Glenys Patricia Black and their families at this time. Sylvia's funeral is tomorrow at 12noon.

This week:

Mon 16:

6pm Mass (St G)
St Richard Gwyn

Tues 17:

10am Mass (St S.)
St Ignatius of Antioch

Wed 18:

10am Mass (St G.)
ST LUKE, Evangelist
(School Mass)

Thur 19:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)

Fri 20:

6pm Mass (St S.)

Sat 21: (St S.)

No mass today

Sun 22:

St Saviour:

Sung Mass 9:30;

St German:

11 am Sung Mass;

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Matt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 45:1, 4-6
Ps 96:1+3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
1 Thess 1:1-5b
Matt 22:15-21

PSALM RESPONSE

'In the Lord's own
house shall I dwell for
ever and ever' (4vs)

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns: 565 Praise My Soul, 649 The King of Love, 584 Rock of ages

FIRST READING:

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

Isaiah 25:6-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and
your staff;
with these you give me comfort.
R/

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R/**

Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R/**

Psalm 23

SECOND READING:

I know how to be poor and I know
how to be rich too. I have been
through my initiation and now I am
ready for anything anywhere: full
stomach or empty stomach, poverty
or plenty. There is nothing I cannot
master with the help of the One who
gives me strength. All the same, it
was good of you to share with me in
my hardships. In return my God will
fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus,
as lavishly as only God can. Glory to
God, our Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

GOSPEL:

Once more Jesus spoke to them in
parables, saying: 'The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a king
who gave a wedding banquet for his
son. He sent his slaves to call those
who had been invited to the
wedding banquet, but they would
not come. Again he sent other
slaves, saying, "Tell those who have

been invited: Look, I have prepared
my dinner, my oxen and my fat
calves have been slaughtered, and
everything is ready; come to the
wedding banquet." But they made
light of it and went away, one to his
farm, another to his business, while
the rest seized his slaves, maltreated
them, and killed them. The king was
enraged. He sent his troops,
destroyed those murderers, and
burned their city. Then he said to his
slaves, "The wedding is ready, but
those invited were not worthy. Go
therefore into the main streets, and
invite everyone you find to the
wedding banquet." Those slaves
went out into the streets and
gathered all whom they found, both
good and bad; so the wedding hall
was filled with guests.
'But when the king came in to see
the guests, he noticed a man there
who was not wearing a wedding
robe, and he said to him, "Friend,
how did you get in here without a
wedding robe?" And he was
speechless. Then the king said to the
attendants, "Bind him hand and
foot, and throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth." For
many are called, but few are
chosen.'

Matthew 22:1-14

