

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 25:6–9

- ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-
aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged
wine well refined.
- ⁷ And he will swallow up on this moun-
tain
the covering that is cast over all
peoples,
the veil that is spread over all
nations.
- ⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears
from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he
will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have
waited for him, that he might
save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited
for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation.”

Epistle: Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will
say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be
known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;
⁶do not be anxious about anything, but
in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be
made known to God. ⁷And the peace of
God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in
Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true,
whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is commendable, if there is any
excellence, if there is anything worthy of
praise, think about these things. ⁹What
you have learned and received and heard
and seen in me—practice these things,
and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now
at length you have revived your concern
for me. You were indeed concerned for
me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not
that I am speaking of being in need, for
I have learned in whatever situation I am
to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought
low, and I know how to abound. In any
and every circumstance, I have learned
the secret of facing plenty and hunger,
abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things
through him who strengthens me.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1–14

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables,
saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a wedding
feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to
call those who were invited to the wedding
feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he
sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those
who are invited, See, I have prepared my
dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have
been slaughtered, and everything is ready.
Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they
paid no attention and went off, one to
his farm, another to his business, ⁶while
the rest seized his servants, treated them
shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king
was angry, and he sent his troops and
destroyed those murderers and burned
their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants,
‘The wedding feast is ready, but those
invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to
the main roads and invite to the wedding
feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those
servants went out into the roads and
gathered all whom they found, both bad
and good. So the wedding hall was filled
with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look
at the guests, he saw there a man who
had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said
to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here
without a wedding garment?’ And he was
speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the
attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and
cast him into the outer darkness. In that
place there will be weeping and gnashing
of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few
are chosen.”