Christ Church Stocksbridge

"Together at Home"

with Crane Moor and Green Moor

Sunday 11th October 2020

Peace of mind

Today's Lectionary: Isaiah 25.1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

Matthew 22 vv 1-14
The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables,
saying: [2] 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared
to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.
[3] He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited
to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

[4] 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." [5] But they made light of it and went away,
one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while the
rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed
them.

[7] The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed
those murderers, and burned their city. [8] Then he said
to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited
were not worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main
streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding
banquet." [10] 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.

[11] 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he
noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding
robe, [12] and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get
in here without a wedding robe?" And he was
speechless. [13] 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." [14] For many are called, but few
are chosen.

Philippians 4.1-9

4 [1] Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love

Call to worship

Come to a feast. Welcome whoever you are.
The Lord invites you.
However you are dressed, whatever your state
of mind, The Lord invites you.
Whatever troubles you, real or imagined, there
is peace of mind with the Lord.

Welcome and Activity

A gathering prayer for us all

Lord, we never know what the future holds or where
life will take us next.
We never know what is just around the corner and
what the outcomes of things will be.
But we know that whatever follows on from this
moment, you are here with us, by our side, above
and beneath us, entwining your life with ours,
surpassing all human understanding.
In this moment, bless us and awaken us to your
abiding presence. **Amen**.

Joys and Concerns & Offertory Prayer

Hymn StF 397 by Damian Lundy b 1944

The Spirit lives to set us free,
Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.

Jesus promised life to all,
Walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
Walk, walk in the light..

He died in pain on Calvary,
Walk, walk in the light.
To save the lost like you and me,
Walk, walk in the light.

We know his death was not the end,
Walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
Walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me,
Walk, walk in the light;
His light will shine for all to see,
Walk, walk in the light.

Exhortations

[2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

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

[8] Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word 1

Sam Reale will tell us of the work he is doing with his podcast, sharing the message of Christ, and then lead us in prayer.

Word 2

Ian will share a few thoughts about today's reading.

Prayers for us to share together

We never know what is just around the corner and what the outcomes of things will be.
But we know that whatever follows on from this moment, you are here with us, by our side, above and beneath us, entwining your life with ours, surpassing all human understanding.
In this moment, bless us and awaken us to your abiding presence.

We go our separate ways, Lord – perhaps with smiles or frowns; with our hopes and with fears; with answers but also questions; maybe crying and with heavy hearts; or with anxieties, or relief. We go our separate ways, Lord, but we never go alone. With thankful hearts, we share the journey of life with each other and with you. Be with us as we go. **Amen.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn : 389 by Carl P Daw b 1944

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigour of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

The Grace and the Vesper

Let us say the Grace together

Take, oh take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart, and live in me. *Repeat*