

# ***Overflowing love...***

## **The Wedding at Cana**

*Morning Worship from Emmanuel*



### **Welcome and a call to worship**

*Led by Revd. Nick Davies*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

*Informal welcome to the service and call to worship*

### **HYMN: 'Come to a wedding'**

**Come to a wedding,  
Come to a blessing,  
Come on a day when happiness sings!  
Come rain or sun,  
Come winter or summer,  
Celebrate love and all that it brings.**

Thanks for the love,  
That holds us together,  
Parent and child, and lover and friend;  
Thanks to the God,  
Whose love is our centre,  
Source of compassion, knowing no end.

Love is the gift,  
And love is the giver,  
Love is the gold that  
Makes the day shine;  
Love forgets self to care for the other,  
Love changes life from water to wine.

**Come to this wedding,  
Asking a blessing,  
For all the years that living will prove;  
Health of the body,  
Health of the spirit,  
Now to you both we offer our love.**

### **Prayers of Confession**

Gracious God, in Christ you make all things new.  
Renew us in our love for our hearts have grown cold...

*A moment of silent reflection*

Lord Jesus,  
open our eyes to your miraculous grace:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
Open our hearts to your abundant love:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
Open our hands to suffering world:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love bring *us* back to himself,  
forgive *us our* sins, and assure *us* of his eternal  
love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **The Prayer for today**

**Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and  
miracles the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness sustain us by your  
mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son  
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever. Amen.**

## **First Reading: Rev. 19.6-11**

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,  
'Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready;  
to her it has been granted to be clothed  
with fine linen, bright and pure'—  
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **HYMN: 'Longing for light...'**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,  
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. *Refrain...*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed. *Refrain...*

**Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come. *Refrain...***

## **Second Reading: John 2.1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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**Thanks be to God**

## **Talk**

*by Hanna Stürcken*

## **HYMN: 'Christ is the one who calls'**

Christ is the one who calls,  
the one who loved and came,  
to whom by right it falls  
to bear the highest Name:  
and still today our hearts are stirred  
to hear his word and walk his way.

Christ is the one who seeks,  
to whom our souls are known.  
The word of love he speaks  
can wake a heart of stone;  
for at that sound the blind can see,  
the slave is free, the lost are found.

Christ is the one who rose  
in glory from the grave,  
to share his life with those  
whom once he died to save.  
He drew death's sting and broke its chains,  
who lives and reigns, our risen King.

Christ is the one who sends,  
his story to declare;  
who calls his servants friends  
and gives them news to share.  
His truth proclaim in all the earth,  
his matchless worth and saving Name.

## **Prayers**

*Please use this refrain of the prayers*

Let us pray to the Lord  
Lord, have mercy.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done,  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory  
Are yours now and forever.  
Amen

## **Notices**

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## **Blessing**

*We say the grace together*

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the  
love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore. Amen

## **HYMN: 'Love Divine'**

Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
In the name of Christ. Amen