

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 25:6-10a

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

**O**n this mountain the LORD All-Powerful  
will prepare for all nations a feast of the finest foods.  
Choice wines and the best meat will be served.  
Here the LORD will strip away  
the funeral clothes that cover the nations.  
The LORD All-Powerful will destroy the power of death  
and wipe away each tear.  
No longer will his people be embarrassed everywhere.  
The LORD has spoken!

On that day, people will say,  
"The LORD God has saved us!  
Let's celebrate.  
We waited and waited, and now he is here."

The powerful arm of the LORD will protect this mountain.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 23:1-3a,  
4abcd & 5ac, 6*

**All:** *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

*You, LORD, are my shepherd.  
I will never be in need.  
You let me rest in fields  
of green grass.  
You lead me to streams  
of peaceful water,  
and you refresh my life.*

**All:** *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

*I may walk through valleys  
as dark as death,  
but I won't be afraid.  
You are with me.  
You treat me to a feast,  
and you honor me as your guest.*

**All:** *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

*Your kindness and love  
will always be with me  
each day of my life,  
and I will live forever  
in your house, LORD.*

**All:** *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

**SECOND READING**  
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians**

Brothers and sisters:

I know what it is to be poor or to have plenty,  
and I have lived under all kinds of conditions.

I know what it means to be full or to be hungry,  
to have too much or too little.

Christ gives me the strength to face anything.

It was good of you to help me when I was having such a hard time.

I pray that God will take care of all your needs  
with the wonderful blessings that come from Christ Jesus!  
May God our Father be praised forever and ever. Amen.

**The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL**  
Matthew 22:1-10

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus used this story to teach the people:

"The kingdom of heaven is like what happened  
when a king gave a wedding banquet for his son.  
The king sent some servants to tell the invited guests  
to come to the banquet,  
but the guests refused.

He sent other servants to say to the guests,  
'The banquet is ready!  
My cattle and prize calves have all been prepared.  
Everything is ready.  
Come to the banquet!'

"But the guests did not pay any attention.  
Some of them left for their farms,  
and some went to their places of business.  
Others grabbed the servants, beat them up, and killed them.

"This made the king so furious that he sent an army to kill  
those murderers and burn down their city.  
Then he said to the servants,  
'It is time for the wedding banquet,  
and the invited guests don't deserve to come.  
Go out to the street corners and tell everyone you meet  
to come to the banquet.'  
They went out on the streets and brought in everyone they could find,  
good and bad alike.  
And the banquet room was filled with guests."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**