

October 10 - 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Readings

First Reading

A Reading from Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A Reading from Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again, I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, siblings,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
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.

As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in
me, do them,
and the God of peace will be with you.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

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 servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

Again he sent other servants, 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, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged.

He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

Then he said to his servants,

‘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 servants 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.”

Pastor: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.