

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25 .1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade
from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a
winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of
clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will
make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured
wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-
matured wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death for ever.
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. ⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4. 1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and
long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the
Lord in this way, my beloved.
²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of
the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, 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.
⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry
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, 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. ⁹Keep 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.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22. 1-14

Hear the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to S. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: ²‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.

³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again 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.” ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not

worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless.

¹³Then 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.” ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**