



March 12, 2023, The Wedding Banquet

Matthew 22:1-14

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Lord of hosts, you fling the door wide and welcome into your reign all people, no matter what. Send us out to extend the invitation to all we meet, that all might share in your eternal feast. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"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." (Matthew 22:8b-9)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

When a king's invited wedding guests disrespected the king and his slaves, the king opened the invitation to all—good and bad. But who would he let in?



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Who are the insiders and outsiders in your community? What happens when the lines get blurred? Who benefits when insiders and outsiders begin to work together? Who is hurt?
- How is Jesus' parable of the wedding banquet good news for you? How is it bad news? Which do you prefer to see: the good or the bad?
- For the littles: Describe your best going-to-a-banquet (party) outfit. You are invited to God's forever celebration!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God clothe you well for God's eternal banquet. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Invite someone to coffee that you normally would not invite (a co-worker, a neighbor, a parishioner). Come with no expectations. Enjoy the company of someone new.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Psalm 45:6-7, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 20:17-34, *Works of Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 21:18-22, *The Fig Tree*

Thursday, Matthew 21:23-27, *The Authority of Jesus Questioned*

Friday, Matthew 21:28-32, *Parables of Jesus*

Saturday, Matthew 21:33-46, *Parables of Jesus*