

OFFERTORY HYMN:

'Father Welcomes All His Children' (149)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

'In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful' (766)

'Rejoice in the Lord Always' (563)

'The Lord's My Shepherd' (636)

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.

FINAL HYMN: 'You Shall Go Out With Joy' (754)

How Many Words Can You Find?



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19th Sunday after Trinity

11th October 2026

GATHERING HYMN:

'Let Us Build a House' (383)

COLLECT:

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



FIRST READING

Isaiah 25: 1-9

You, Lord, are my God! I will praise you for doing the wonderful things
you had planned and promised since ancient times.
You have destroyed the fortress of our enemies, leaving their city in
ruins. Nothing in that foreign city will ever be rebuilt.
Now strong and cruel nations will fear and honour you.

You have been a place of safety for the poor and needy in times of
trouble. Brutal enemies pounded us like a heavy rain
or the heat of the sun at noon, but you were our shelter.
Those wild foreigners struck like scorching desert heat.
But you were like a cloud, protecting us from the sun.
You kept our enemies from singing songs of victory.

On this mountain the Lord All-Powerful
will prepare for all nations a feast of the finest foods.
Choice wines and the best meats will be served.
Here the Lord will strip away the burial clothes that cover the nations.
The Lord All-Powerful will destroy the power of death and wipe away
all tears.

No longer will his people be insulted everywhere.
The Lord has spoken!

At that time, people will say,
“The Lord has saved us! Let's celebrate.
We waited and hoped— now our God is here.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 4.1–9

Dear friends, I love you and long to see you.
Please keep on being faithful to the Lord. You are my pride and joy.

Euodia and Syntyche, you belong to the Lord, so I beg you to stop
arguing with each other. And, my true partner, I ask you to help them.
These women have worked together with me and with Clement
and with the others in spreading the good news.
Their names are now written in the book of life.

Always be glad because of the Lord! I will say it again: Be glad.
Always be gentle with others. The Lord will soon be here.
Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything.
With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus,
God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand.
And this peace will control the way you think and feel.

Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right,
holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly
worthwhile and worthy of praise.
You know the teachings I gave you,
and you know what you heard me say and saw me do.
So follow my example. And God, who gives peace, will be with you.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN: 'Like a Mighty River Flowing' (395)

We sing verse 5 after the Gospel Reading

GOSPEL

Matthew 22.1–14

Once again Jesus used stories 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, then 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.

When the king went in to meet the guests, he found that one of them wasn't wearing the right kind of clothes for the wedding. The king asked, “Friend, why didn't you wear proper clothes for the wedding?” But the guest had no excuse. So the king gave orders for this person to be tied hand and foot and to be thrown outside into the dark. That's where people will cry and grit their teeth in pain. Many are invited, but only a few are chosen.

