

# Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

# **Entering and Leaving the Church:**

Face masks are required both inside and outside.

Kindly sign in at the door through which you entered. This will help if we need to be in contact.

Please take your service bulletin with you or dispose of it properly. Please don't place it back into a basket.

# Offerings:

Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave or at the usher stations outdoors prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

### While in the Nave or on the lawn:

You may sit together as a family. Outside worshippers should place their lawn chairs using social distancing. Inside worshippers should sit in designated pews only. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew.

# **Communion Procedure:**

For the outside service: Communion positions are designated with a chalk cross marked on the sidewalks on Springettsbury Ave. and surrounding the lawn. Wearing your face mask, proceed to the closest sidewalk and take your place at a Communion position.

For inside services: Ushers will direct you. The pulpit side (left) of the nave communes first followed by the font side (right).

Wearing your face mask, come to the chancel step taking your place at one of the five positions marked on the chancel floor with a green cross.

Your entire household may gather at a position marked by the green cross.

### For all to receive the sacrament:

- Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host.
- Please do not reach out to take the Host from the minister.
- Once the minister has moved to the next group, then remove your mask, receive the host, replace your mask and return to your pew/seat by the closest side aisle. There is no need to hurry.
- We are receiving communion in one kind only (bread/host).

# Food Pantry—October

**Items needed:** Canned beans, canned vegetables, canned meats, apple sauce, mashed potato mix, rice, pasta side dishes and peanut jelly. Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".

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# **WELCOME** Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 184 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

**Restrooms** are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex. Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms.

**Thank you for your faithfulness** in sending your offering through the mail or by using online options from your financial institution or through the "Donate" now from the church website **stpaulsyork.org**. Your gifts are keeping us current with the commitments associated with St. Paul's and our ministry partners.

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open at St. Paul's. Please thank Deacon Ellen Doughty, Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, and Tim Yakim for their dedication and service.

**Thank you** to Victor Fields for the use of his sound system for the outdoor service.

Upcoming weeks at St. Pa	ul's					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
11 Pentecost 19 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Outdoor 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Indoor	12 Columbus Day 9:00 AM NO Preschool 7:00 PM ZOOM Bible Study with Pastor McKee 7:00 PM Council	9:45 AM Pantry	14 9:30 AM Preschool 10:30 AM Bible Study - Christ Hall	Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Preschool 6:30 PM Music Ensembles	16	17
18 St. Luke—Healing 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Outdoor 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Indoor—Children and Youth present	19 9:00 AM Preschool 7:00 PM Finance	9:00 AM Preschool 9:45 AM Pantry 6:00 PM Confirmation Class - Christ Hall	21 9:30 AM Preschool 10:30 AM Bible Study - Christ Hall	9:00 AM Pre- school 6:30 PM Music Ensembles	23	24

# In our prayers we remember...

**Shawn Sunday,** Mike Johnston, Marianne Moran, Rick Hock, Betty Mehring, Drew Herdson, David List, Sandy Shellenberger, Brian McKenna, Amanda, Jim Young, Penny Bailey, Eddie Turner, Sr., Jessica Ericson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey.

# **Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

October 11, 2020 8:00 & 10:30 AM

During the time of COVID -19

**PRELUDE**The Shepherd
Stephen Kwong, solo handbells

Brian Childers

Stand

# BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** Sung by the Cantor

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. . . God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

### **READING** Isaiah 25:1-9

At the conclusion of the reading The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

**PSALM** Psalm 23 spoken responsively by half verse

<sup>1</sup> The LORD | is my shepherd;\*

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down | in green pastures\*

and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He re- | vives my soul\*

and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;\* **for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.** 

<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;\* **vou have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.** 

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\* and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

### Stand

# VERSE

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14 (back cover)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

**SERMON** 

**Pastor Reep** 

### Stand

### APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.\*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, fill your church with joyous hospitality. Give us courage to invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Protect creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, lakes, streams, and rivers. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders as they navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevail. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Let your calm and strength be known among those who are weary or ill (*especially*). Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Gracious God, as we remember those who have died comfort us with your presence. . Assure us of your love at all times and at the last gather us together at the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit

# **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# **DIALOGUE**

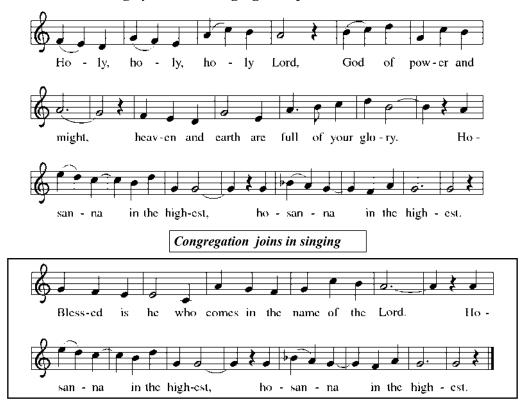
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**PREFACE** The preface appropriate to the day is said.



### THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen** 

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**FRACTION** a brief silence is kept

**AGNUS DEI** *sung by the Cantor* 

Sit The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.

### COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

*Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.* 

### Stand

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

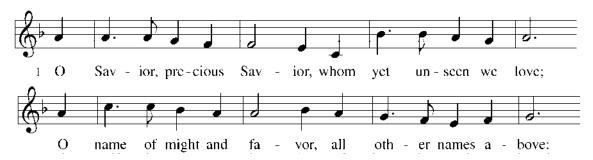
Amen

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# HYMN O Savior, Precious Savior (LBW 514) Stanza 1



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### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Sonata No. 6, Allegro molto Felix Mendelssohn "Our Father in Heaven"

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Please be respectful of distancing and personal space as you leave. Feel free to gather outside for conversation.

Please take your service bulletin with you or dispose of it properly. Please don't place it back in the basket or leave it in the pew.

Let's Connect! How do we keep in touch with each other when there are two church services plus an on-line option? We used to chat...a lot! Are you feeling disconnected? What is going on in your life? What are your joys and celebrations; your worries and concerns? St. Paul's has a private Facebook page that you can use to share with your church family. You just need to request access via Facebook (St. Paul's York PA Group). OR, if you don't use, or like, or have Facebook, you can submit to the church office for the monthly newsletter. Here is something to start us off: How are you going to "do" holidays this year?



This week's flowers are given to the Glory of God in appreciation for all that Pastor Reep does, seen and unseen by Peter and Rhada Hartmann and by Theresa Rohrbaugh in memory of her father, Floyd Egger, on his birthday.

Open sponsor dates: 11/1, 11/15, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20
Please sign up in the Springettsbury Hallway and complete a Flower Sentiment form or contact the church office.

St. Luke Healing Service Sunday October 18—For the Healing of the Nations. The theme is derived from Revelation 22: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Imagine such a scene with the crystal river, the tree perpetually bearing fruit, and the leaves that never fade, fall, or wither, this may be tasking for our mind's eye. The nations certainly need the kind of healing that God alone can give. The nations certainly need perpetual food in order to feed the inhabitants of the land. The nations certainly need healing; the kind of healing that doesn't fade, fall, or wither. St. Luke has been associated with the art of healing. This year we will not be receiving individual laying on of hands and anointing, but rather we will be gathering in prayer for the healing of the nations. Please join us next Sunday

Leaves for the Healing of the Nations—Children & Youth Please remember to bring your leaves to the church office so that Miss Kelly can place them on our "Tree for Healing" in preparation for next Sunday.

Mission in Africa needs our support. October is our month to show support and give financially to help our sister congregation in Tanzania. Remember that we are asking for small donations of \$10-\$20. You may donate through the website at stpaulsyork.org. Click on "Mpuguso Congregation". Please know that through our regular budget we are supporting education for 2 Evangelists and for scholarships for children of pastors and church workers in the Konde Diocese of the Lutheran Church of Tanzania. Thank you for your support.

# Tuesday Evening Ministry—All Ages!

Because of Covid-19 and the uncertainty of coming inside the church building, Create, the Tuesday evening youth and family ministry night will now be held as video sessions. Watch for the next sessions!

### October 20 & 27

**All Saints & Sinners – All ages** Victor will teach the children a percussive piece with their pots and pans.

All Saints & Sinners - All ages Miss Kelly will teach you how to create a blind contour self-portrait, this will provide a creative release as you discover new things about how you appear.

# November 10 & 17,

Crowns for the King – All ages Follow along with Miss Kelly in Making glorious crowns that you can place around the cross for Christ the King Sunday, November 15 A Royal Beat – All ages Join Victor in making music that is fit for King Jesus!

### December 1

Family Gingerbread Nativity – Everything needed to construct a gingerbread nativity scene will be provided. All you have to do is preregister and pick up your supplies at church on November 15, 22, or 29. You will get an email from Victor and Kelly that you can follow to have an enjoyable time with your family making a sweet delicious scene based on God's sweet love for us.

# **Christmas Poinsettias**

As you may recall, we were unable to hold Easter services with the beautiful flowers that some of you had ordered. In their place, we will be ordering Poinsettias for use during the Christmas services. Your Poinsettia order is already taken care of if you ordered Easter flowers. You may use the form if you would like to order Poinsettias or if you would like to add to your original order. A list will be in the November newsletter if you forgot what you ordered for Easter *Please note: The deadline for ordering is November 8th. Thank you.* 

Cost is \$12.00 per plant. They will be RED in color. List plant(s) as shown below (please print clearly)	in Honor of:	in Loving Memory of:	. Dedicated to the Glory of God
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Plants may be picked up anytime after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 27th.

Checks made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church \$12.00 each = **Total # of Plants** 

The completed order form with payment attached may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office

# Orders due by Sunday, November 8th

The black and white photographs appearing across the television screen are archival. They capture the intense passion and stamina of United States women seeking the right to vote. The 100 year old images are bold. They are currently used by Ancestory.com in this significant anniversary year enticing viewers to discover the influential women in their own family tree. You might say that they are trying to get us to learn about the story that is behind your story.

We don't have any photographs appearing across the pages of Holy Scripture. We do have stories that capture the intense passion and stamina of God's people seeking their place in the world. The images utilized this morning by the prophet Isaiah and the gospel writer Matthew are of feasting and banquettes. They evoke vibrant images for me. The stories entice us with tales of sumptuously feasting on a mountain or being invited to a wedding banquet. With each story, Isaiah's mountain feast and Matthew's banquet hall, there is something more to discover about the family tree. We are drawn into the biblical narrative learning about the story that is behind the story.

In all ages there have been women with intense passion and stamina seeking to make a difference in life. In this centennial year in American history with women's right to vote, Ancestory.com is simply cashing in on identifying them in your family tree. In the Biblical witness there are many such women; named and unnamed. There are strong woman with intense passion and stamina included in our ancestral tree, whose life and witness was critical in bringing about changes needed for God's people, and for all humanity. One woman in particular links the feasting people on the mountain top with the man telling the parable of the wedding banquette.

The search engine used in our biblical genealogy is read periodically in worship during the season of Advent. In subdued candlelight at vespers the lector drones on from the first chapter of Matthew. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of.... This part of the biblical narrative is often overlooked, skipped over because who really wants to know who begat whom? What difference does it make when thinking about a mountain top feast and a wedding banquette? But it is important to know your story. It is important to know the story of another. Your family tree may be richer, fuller, more differently shaped than you are aware.

Isaiah provides the picturesque mountain setting. People who have won the victory are feasting at the expense of the losers. They have toppled their adversarial foes and are showing how fortunate they are with choice cut meats and decanted wines. But their foes, the people from a different land, with a different dialect, with different religious convictions, the Moabites; they are pushed into a cesspool, and trying with all of their might to swim out of the thick crap, they can't muster the strength to swim out. Those verses are not generally read in our public assemblies. They are however appropriate in this climate of winners and losers, victors and the vanquished, the haves and the have nots. "Make the divide as great as possible" seems to be a popular motto. Pit one group over another and make the divide cavernous, then gloat about it.

Matthew provides the parable of the wedding hall. People have been invited but they cannot come. Or they simply won't come. The excuses are many. The king invites others so

that the hall will be full for his son's wedding celebration. And when those guests arrive for the feast, one fellow isn't sporting the appropriate attire, and he gets cast out, where there is weeping and wailing. Not much different than the Moabites in the dung heap. When Jesus finishes telling the story, the religious authorities, the ones who see themselves as winners, victors, the haves of society, they plot to do Jesus in; they will make it so that he is the loser, the vanquished, the have not.

Having grown up as the loser, the vanquished, the have not, the one from a different land with different dialect and different religious conviction enters Ruth, a Moabite, she makes an appearance in the family tree. Ruth is the woman who links our stories together and joins them in the canopy of our shared tree. Ruth is a woman looked down upon by others because she is a foreigner, a Moabite. She is a woman early in life to become a widow whose children (sons) predeceased her. From societies point of view she is as far down as it seems she can go. It is her steadfast love for her mother-in-law Naomi that changes her fate and ours. It is a rare bond of love that she carries. She marries Boaz. I am sure there was much celebrating on their wedding day. But I suspect there was even more celebrating when they have a son. She gives birth to *Obed and Obed is the father of Jesse, and Jesse is the father of David,* the shepherd boy who becomes king and provides the genealogical link to a man named Joseph who takes Marry to be his wife and they have a son and they name him Jesus; for he will save the people from their sin.

And Jesus, now a man, in the context of this morning's gospel reading, he is in Jerusalem. He is in the last week of his earthly life (Holy Week). He is dealing with a group who love their gloating and fixing of cavernous divides and plotting to do in people whose stories are different, whose dialects are different, and whose theological convictions are even the slightest bit different from their own. In a rare bond of love Jesus suffers death on a tree. He dies to save us from our sin; from the desire to put others in a cesspool, do in those who differ from us, gloat when things go our way, and seek out opportunity to put others down. This is the story behind our story. The ancestral tree holding together Ruth a Moabite, Jesus the savior of the nations, and you and I who through the water of Holy Baptism are graphed onto Christ the tree of life.

It is Christ's steadfast love for us that changes our fate. In a rare bond of love made known through his own self-giving on the tree of the cross he offers himself for us. He gives himself for all. He invites us into the wedding hall, provides us with the garment of salvation and prepares a feast of love, his own body given for the forgiveness of sin. (Most exhibited today in the desire to pit one group over another.) Seldom does anyone exhibit such intense passion and stamina toward people who are sinners. It is a rare bond of love that unites us. Oh what a different form our ancestral tree takes; the shape of a cross.

When I find myself fortunate enough to be at a mountain feast or a wedding banquet, I am made aware of the Ruth's of life, women and men who are not part of the immediate celebration but who are more important to the story than I might otherwise suspect. When the world seeks to separate, divide, catalogue winners and losers, victors and the vanquished, those sipping wine and those wading through crap; the Lord Jesus Christ offers another way. There is the bold image of our family tree, the cross of Christ, laden with intense passion and stamina to change the world though love. Steadfast love changes lives. Amen.

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

O 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.

<sup>2</sup> For 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.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>For 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,

<sup>5</sup>the 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.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>It 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.

### Psalm 23

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9 [not printed]

# GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again 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, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated 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.' 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and 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.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."