

YEAR A

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# **THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED IN THE KINGDOM**

## **VISUAL AIDS**

- > Pictures of weddings, first communion.
- > Wedding cards and invitations.
- > Picture of the Last Supper.
- > Blank invitation cards.

## **WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL**

*Say/sing together:*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Lord, you have prepared**  
**a banquet for us.**  
**Alleluia!**

A reading from the Good News  
given to us by Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus says,  
'The kingdom of heaven is like a king  
who prepared a wonderful party for  
his son's wedding. On the wedding  
day the king sent his servants to call  
the invited guests.

But the invited guests refused to  
come. The king sent more servants to

## **DISCUSSION**

Why was there a banquet?

- for the son's wedding.

Why did the invited guests not  
come?

What happened to the servants?

Unpack who the story characters  
really are:

- the king is God the Father;
- the servants are the prophets;
- we are the guests.

Where is the banquet, the banquet  
table?

- church and altar.

What is the feast?

- the celebration of the eucharist.

Focus on the invitation to  
communion: '... happy are those  
who are called to his supper'.

We are called to the Lord's supper;  
how do we respond?



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### SHARING

Encourage the children to share memories of celebrations they have enjoyed.

To be invited to a celebration is to share in a new or important stage in someone's life (birthday, wedding, etc.). Have the children give examples.

Celebrations need a great deal of preparation. Have the children give examples of what might need to be done.

Look at the Last Supper picture, and talk about sharing the Lord's table e.g. those who have made their first communion share their memories.

tell them everything was ready, and to come at once. But still the guests refused. One was too busy with his farm, another too busy with his business. Others beat up the king's servants, and killed them.

The king was furious. He sent in his army to destroy the murderers and to burn their town. But still there were no guests, so the king said to his servants "Go out to the streets and invite anyone you meet to come

to the wedding." And so they did, and soon the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### ACTIVITIES

> Give each child a blank invitation card.

> Have them fill the card in:

.....  
(*their own name*)

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is requested  
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> The children could decorate the cards, and then place them round the picture of the Last Supper.