



Welcome – Philip Sudell

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Behold our God seated on His throne...

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign

Behold our God seated on His throne...

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Church Family News

Farewell to Beth

Reading: Matthew 22:1-14 p990

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² 'The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴ 'Then he sent some more servants and said, "Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet."

⁵ 'But they paid no attention and went off – one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, ill-treated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ 'Then he said to his servants, "The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find." ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and 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 wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, "How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?" The man was speechless. ¹³ 'Then the king told the attendants, "Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

¹⁴ 'For many are invited, but few are chosen.'

We lift our voices to the Lord most high,
with joyful singing we will glorify
the great creator, the author of all life.
We are his people and he is our God,
he always guides us in his ways with love:
let joyful praises come fill this place, in song.

*For the Lord is good!
We shout for joy because
the Lord is good!
He rules the earth with everlasting love:
how good is our God!*

Enter His presence with a thankful heart,
enter his courts and let the praises start,
give God the glory, for he deserves it all.
All of creation lives to worship God,
we were created as an act of love:
let adoration flow from this place, in song.

For the Lord is good!...

Faithful God, never ending goodness,
ever flowing kindness.
You are faithful, God, you are good.

For the Lord is good!...

Children leave for Grace Gang

Talk: John Lenton

The kingdom of heaven is like...

3. *The wedding banquet*

Who O Lord could save themselves

Their own soul could heal

Our shame was deeper than the sea

Your grace is deeper still

You alone can rescue

You alone can save

You alone can lift us from the grave

You came down to find us, led us out of death

To You alone belongs the highest praise

You O Lord have made a way

The great divide You healed

For when our hearts were far away

Your love went further still

Yes Your love goes further still

You alone can rescue...

We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes

You're the giver of life

You alone can rescue...

Sermon notes:

Confession

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens

Your glory shines in all that you have made
You spoke the Word, who broke into the darkness

All earth replies: "majestic is your name!"

And who am I, though made below the angels
That you, my King, are mindful of my ways?
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus
I lift my voice to join with them in praise

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent
As on the cross, the Light was pierced with dark
The Word of life to death now hangs
surrendered
The one who spoke out stars now breathes
his last

And who am I, the lowliest of sinners
That you would pay the price my sin
deserves?

My Maker scarred for those who marred his
likeness
And from his wounds flows mercy
unreserved

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory
Death could not hold the one who authored
life!

His radiant light has shattered through our
darkness
And in our hearts, his risen life now shines

And who are we, that you would call us
children
And raise us up from death to life with you
Where we will sing the New Creation
anthem:

"O praise the one who's making all things
new!"

And so we wait in eager expectation
And join the song as all creation groans:
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,
The Day you call your sons and daughters
home."

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Final Prayer

Please stay around to chat after
the service over coffee/tea
through in the hall



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