

Second Sunday of the Year c



Entrance Antiphon: **All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!** *Psalm 65:4*

At a wedding in Cana Jesus changed water into wine. There are many things in our spiritual lives that should be changed. Jesus' power is available to us too. Let us reflect on our need of this power in order to change the things in our lives that need to be changed.

Lord Jesus, you change fear into trust. Lord have mercy.

You change weakness into strength. Christ have mercy.

You change selfishness into love. Lord have mercy.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL HYMN

Psalm 95

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Response

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Response

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Response

Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him: 'They have no wine.' Jesus said: 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants: 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants: 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said: 'People generally serve the best wine first and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him. After this he went to Capernaum with his mother and the brothers, but they stayed there only a few days.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Preface:

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For out of compassion for the waywardness that is ours,
he humbled himself and was born of the Virgin;
by the passion of the Cross
he freed us from unending death,
and by rising from the dead he gave us eternal life.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven
we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith. **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death,
O Lord, until you come again.**

Antiphon: **We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.**

REFLECTION:

Water into wine.

Jesus brought the wine of God's love into the world. Everywhere he went the old was made new. For the couple at Cana he changed water into wine. For the widow of Nain he changed tears into joy. For Zacchaeus he changed selfishness into love. For the thief on Calvary he changed despair into hope. And on Easter morning he changed death into life. Lord, be present with us today and throughout our lives. And when through human weakness the wine of love is found wanting, touch our hearts and strengthen our wills, so that we may taste the wine of unselfish love.

Prayer after Communion:

Pour on us Lord the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly bread, one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Blessing:

The Lord be with you.

May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

And with your spirit.

Amen.

Thanks be to God.

The sea sweeps up the beach
and laps round the sandcastles
until they crumble and fall.
On the farther side of the beach,
near the cliff,
the sea dashes against the rocks
and they stand firm and strong.

Help us, at all times, O Lord
to be more like
the rock than sand .
The things, good Lord,
that we pray for,
give us the grace to labour for.

Thomas More 1478–1535

God of vitality, anoint me with the oil of gladness. Fill my emptiness with the fullness of your grace. Make me sensitive to the emptiness of others. Give me the words to say and the power to watch and wait while we become wine in the chalice of the Lord. Amen.