

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,  
that we may be refreshed and nourished  
by the Sacrament which we have received,  
so as to be transformed into what we consume.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Psalm 129:3-4*

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

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## COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.  
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 *Isaiah 25:6-10*

*The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will  
prepare for all people a banquet of rich  
food, a banquet of fine wines, of food  
rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove the  
mourning veil covering all peoples, and  
the shroud enwrapping all nations, he  
will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will  
wipe away the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame

everywhere on earth, for the Lord has  
said so. That day, it will be said: See,  
this is our God in whom we hoped for  
salvation; the Lord is the one in whom  
we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that  
he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 22 response v 6*

**In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.**

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.
- 2 He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.
- 3 You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.
- 4 Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

SECOND READING *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*

*There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.*

I know how to be poor and I know how  
to be rich too. I have been through  
my initiation and now I am ready for  
anything anywhere: full stomach or  
empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There  
is nothing I cannot master with the help  
of the One who gives me strength. All  
the same, it was good of you to share

with me in my hardships. In return my  
God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ  
Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory  
to God, our Father, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *John 1:14, 12*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The Word was made flesh and lived among us;**  
**to all who did accept him**  
**he gave power to become children of God.**  
**Alleluia!**

*OR Ephesians 1:17, 18*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**enlighten the eyes of our mind,**  
**so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 22:1-14 Shorter form (omitting oblique text): Matthew 22:1-10*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to

the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. *When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'*

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