



## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC

October 11, 2020

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**Greeting by Fr. Tyrone**

**Voluntary** "Prelude on 'Vineyard Haven'", setting by Robert J. Powell

### **Acclamation**

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

The Book of Common Prayer, 234

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **✠ The Holy Gospel** Matthew 22:1-14

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 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.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and

invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 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. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then 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.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

People            The Gospel of the Lord.  
                    **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## **The Homily**

**Musical Interlude** "Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise", arranged by Ron Schmoltze

**The Prayers** (For individual use or with a family)

*Dear friends, the loss in our ability to come together and break bread has been deeply felt these past several months. Still, we are invited to the wedding banquet which the Father is preparing for the Son's marriage to the church. Let us pray to the host of the eternal feast, that we may be drawn to the banquet, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.*

That in these days, may all who yearn for communion with God fully accept God's invitation, and that our heartfelt response be undeterred by distraction and excuses, let us pray to the King of the feast. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all who hunger and thirst for the bread and wine of life during this global pandemic may soon be drawn to the meal of fellowship in Christ, let us pray to the Lord of heaven: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all leaders of the church may recognize that God bids the banquet hall be filled with the rich and the poor, the prominent and the unknown, the healthy and the sick, let us pray to the Host of the wedding feast: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all leaders of the nations may address the global pandemic of COVID-19, the problem of hunger and the desire for conflict, let us pray to the Giver of good food: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That Christians everywhere, abandoning anxiety, may nourish themselves on the marriage celebration with God and on the eternal feast prepared for all peoples, let us pray to the God of lavish and insistent love: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those who suffer may find solace and health especially, **Doris Jacobs, Rudolph McEwan, David Myher, Elayne Karickoff, Dave Bergum, Barbara O'Neal, JoAnn Roebuck, Elliot Phillips, Gary Schaffer, Arlene McCullers, Abbie Silvia, Geoff Funkhouser, Betty Jo Jacobs, Lee Witcher, Audrey Witcher, Carol Pregent, Deanna Hill, Sophia Vaughan Morning, Sarah Roholt, Marilyn Adams, Mary Mainwaring, Becca Valone, Katie Critcher, Samuel Davenport, Rachael London, Beauty Munawa, Mike Newton-Ward, Joanne Bass, Dave Bowman and Mike Wilson**, let us pray to the Great physician: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those celebrating birthdays this week may rejoice in God's blessing including, **Paul Lambert** (11<sup>th</sup>); and **Paul Roberts** (15<sup>th</sup>), let us pray to the Giver of days: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the people in California and along the west coast who are burdened by wildfires, may find solace and strength amid evacuation and destruction, let us pray to king of Creation. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our society might be strengthened by a genuine commitment to justice and by faithful aims toward vibrant communities and safe and healthy citizens, let us pray to the Hope of nations. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the more than 1 million global citizens who have died in these past several months from Coronavirus including the 217,000 Americans, be gracefully remembered and gracefully grieved, (*Silence*) let us pray to the Lord of heaven. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all who die in the peace of Christ may be found by the Lord, (*Silence*) let us pray to the Good Shepherd. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

### **The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Voluntary:** "Rejoice, ye pure in heart!", setting by David M. Cherwien

### **Notes**



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