

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: Lord Jesus, we repent of our sins and humble ourselves before you. Your faithful compassion and grace to all people overwhelms us. We repent that we have at times ignored your invitation or made lame excuses to you. There are times when we are even unhappy with others you choose to invite. We repent that we are often unprepared to respond to your call. We long to be your faithful people and we know that you can heal us. Show us your grace, O Lord, that we might walk in your ways and honor your name. Amen.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

## Scripture Readings

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### Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare  
a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine—  
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;

He will swallow up death forever.  
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;  
he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.  
The LORD has spoken.

In that day they will say,  
"Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

### Galatians 2:11-16

When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

"We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners' know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus

Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

#### Luke 14:15-24

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

"But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

"Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

"Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

"The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

" 'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.' "

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Outline • October 11, 2009  
Jesus Our Teacher • "The Great Banquet"  
*Luke 14:15-24*

Introduction: "Don't miss the bus..!"

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ invitation.

*A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' v. 16-17*

- With \_\_\_\_\_.

2. An \_\_\_\_\_ invitation.

*"A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests..." v. 16*

*Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.' v.23*

- Does this make it \_\_\_\_\_?

3. The Kingdom: not a \_\_\_\_\_, but

a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' v.21*

- They'll probably \_\_\_\_\_...

Answers to Sermon Outline: double, lame-o excuses, inclusive, less important, showplace for saints, sanctuary for sinners, need some convincing

#### THE BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: And the people took the blessing and held it in their hearts.

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!