

# WELCOME TO THE BANQUET

January 16, 2022

WELCOME

## THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

*said by one*

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Jesus said, "The first commandment is this:  
Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.  
The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.  
There is no other commandment greater than these."

## OPENING PRAYER

*said by all*

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SONG OF MARY

*said by one*

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Mary said,  
"My soul magnifies your name, my God  
and my spirit rejoices in you my Savior,  
for You have looked with favor on your lowly servant:  
and from this day all generations will call me Blessed.  
You have done great things for me,  
Holy is your name.  
Mercy is for those who revere You  
from generation to generation.  
You have shown the strength of your arm:  
Scattering the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
You have brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
You have filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
You have come to the help of your people:  
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,  
according to the promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

## SONG

Build my Life

## READING

*John 2:1-11*

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On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## HOMILY AND CONVERSATION

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### BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Please turn to face the Baptismal font.*

One God is  
All **The Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
One God is  
All **Jesus Christ our Savior, the anointed one.**  
One God is  
All **The Holy Spirit, at work in the world.**  
One With God's help  
All **We will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.**  
One With God's help  
All **We will persevere in resisting evil, and when falling into sin, we will repent and return to God.**  
One With God's help  
All **We will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**  
One With God's help  
All **We will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself.**  
One With God's help  
All **We will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

## PRAYERS

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*Celebrant* We pray now for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that God brings light into the world. Let us pray.  
One Gracious God, empower the Church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, so that united in your truth and love, the Church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit at one table, and serve you with one accord.  
All **Light of the world, be known to us.**

*One* Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed and vain ambition, and to strive for justice and peace, so that all your children may be free.

*All* **Light of the world, be known to us.**

*One* Hear the cries of all who are experiencing hunger, homelessness, or incarceration, those near and those far. Give those of us who consume most of the earth's resources the will to reorder our lives, so that all may have their rightful share of food, care, shelter, and fullness of life.

*All* **Light of the world, be known to us.**

*One* Look with compassion on all those who long for healing and relief from distress, for all those affected by the Coronavirus, and for those struggling with mental health concerns; and for those we name now either silently or aloud. Support them with your love and lead us to be healers for all we encounter, in the name of Christ.

*All* **Light of the world, be known to us.**

*One* We give thanks for the blessings of this life, and for those we name now, either silently or aloud.

*All* **Light of the world, be known to us.**

*One* We remember those who have died, saints who bore witness to your light and those we name now either silently or aloud. Allow us to persevere in faith, mercy, and love, and at the end of our lives to behold your glory.

*All* **Light of the world, be known to us.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

PEACE

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How Great Thou Art

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Holy God, Mother and Father of all life, from the beginning of time your Spirit breathed life into all things living. You scattered stars in the heavens and raised up the mountains, you poured out great rivers and blessed the earth with life. You made all people in your image, and loved us in our weakness, promising to stay with us wherever we go. In the winter of our longing, you came to the prophet Mary offering your Spirit to make creation whole. You gave her a child, Jesus, your beloved son to turn the broken world upside down. Jesus stayed with us, healing the sick and feeding the hungry unbinding prisoners and raising the dead. He ate with strangers, showed mercy to sinners, and taught us to follow him in love without fear.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends and said— "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said— "Drink of this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, of all the things that are yours we offer you these, which are yours

especially. We offer them gladly, as he told us, remembering his death and resurrection, his birth in Bethlehem, and rest in the manger, his welcome to shepherds and strangers as we praise and bless you:

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you Emmanuel.**

Now pour out your spirit on this bread and wine to make them the body and blood of Christ for your waiting people. Come among us and abide with us that we may be the body of Christ for the world you love. Shine upon us as you shone upon the faithful Mary and as you shine upon all your people in unlit places, praying that kindled by your love we may raise our voices with saints and angels saying together:

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Hungry

## PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

*Said by all, please turn to face the rear of the nave, as we prepare to go into the world.*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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### PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

*Celebrant & Preacher*

*Deacon*

*Scripture Reading  
and Prayers*

*Sacristan*

*Ushers*

*Bread Guild*

*Altar Guild*

*Flower Guild*

The Rev. Melanie Slane

The Rev. Gary Lubin

Nancye Van Brunt

Mark Bass

CH & Laurie Maguire

Guy Byars

Sheila Maxwell, Missy Darling, Karen Staffiera

Blake Gustafson, Christine Bennett, Cindy  
Bryden, Vicky Carroll

### WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING

Birthdays in the next week: Ellie Preslar, John Schenk, Ian Wilt, Elizabeth Wilson, Emily Kuper, David Haffner, Mike Harris, Scot Harris, Elizabeth Longaberger, Lizzie Boyle, Doris Crouch, Nancy Hodges, Richard Massey, Jerusha Riess-Smith

*The Eucharistic Prayer is adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco.*

The Prayers of the People are adapted from *A Celtic Liturgy for Every Season* by Elizabeth Lovett Grover