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Matthew 22:1-14

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Lord of hosts, you constantly expand the boundaries of your kingdom. Make us joyful participants in your plan to redeem the world, that all people would be one in you. For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

"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." (Matthew 22:8b-9)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus seems bent on stirring up his listeners with each subversive parable. When God invites you to a banquet, there is only one response, and only one dress code: celebration!



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Who are the insiders and who are the outsiders in your community? What happens when the lines get blurred? Who benefits when insiders and outsiders begin to work together? Who is hurt?

How is Jesus' parable of the wedding banquet good news for you? How is it bad news? Which do you prefer to see: the good or the bad?

For the littles: Describe your best going-to-a-banquet (party) outfit. You are invited to God's forever celebration!

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God clothe you well for God's eternal banquet.



Amen.

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.



Invite someone to coffee that you normally would not invite (a co-worker, a neighbor, a parishioner). Come with no expectations. Enjoy the company of someone new.

Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for



devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Psalm 45:6-7, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 20:17-34, *Works of Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 21:18-22, *The Fig Tree*

Thursday, Matthew 21:23-27, *The Authority of Jesus Questioned*

Friday, Matthew 21:28-32, *Parables of Jesus*

Saturday, Matthew 21:33-46, *Parables of Jesus*

Next Week: Matthew 25: 1-13, *The Parable of the Talents*