

June 17th 2020

Prayer

Gracious God, as we wake each day and remember afresh the greatest news we ever heard, May our eyes reflect your light, our mouths speak your truth and our voices sing your praise. May our ears hear your call, our minds seek your wisdom and our hearts be filled with your love. May our feet bear us to places of need and our hands reach out in compassion. May our thoughts be kind, and our words comforting and our deeds helpful, and may our souls find their true worth, as we respond to your generous gift of grace. Amen.

Yvonne Williams, local preacher on note, Thirsk and Northallerton Circuit

Lectionary Reading

John 2:1-12

Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.³ When the wine had given out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They are out of wine."

⁴ "You must not tell me what to do," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

⁵ Jesus' mother then told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ The Jews have rules about ritual washing, and for this purpose six stone water jars were there, each one large enough to hold between twenty and thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these jars with water." They filled them to the brim,⁸ and then he told them, "Now draw some water out and take it to the man in charge of the feast." They took him the water,⁹ which now had turned into wine, and he tasted it. He did not know where this wine had come from (but, of course, the servants who had drawn out the water knew); so he called the bridegroom¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone else serves the best wine first, and after the guests have drunk a lot, he serves the ordinary wine. But you have kept the best wine until now!"

¹¹ Jesus performed this first miracle in Cana in Galilee; there he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

¹² After this, Jesus and his mother, brothers, and disciples went to Capernaum and stayed there a few days.

Good News Translation (GNT)

Hymn 572 StF

1 Author of life divine,
who has a table spread,
furnished with mystic wine
and everlasting bread,
preserve the life that you have
given,
and feed and train us up for
heaven.

2 Our needy souls sustain
with fresh supplies of love,
till all your life we gain,
and all your fullness prove,
and, strengthened by your perfect
grace,
behold without a veil your face.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)
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Psalm 55:1-8

Hear my prayer, O God;

don't turn away from my plea!

² Listen to me and answer me;

I am worn out by my worries.

³ I am terrified by the threats of my enemies,
crushed by the oppression of the wicked.

They bring trouble on me;

they are angry with me and hate me.

⁴ I am terrified,

and the terrors of death crush me.

⁵ I am gripped by fear and trembling;

I am overcome with horror.

⁶ I wish I had wings like a dove.

I would fly away and find rest.

⁷ I would fly far away

and make my home in the desert.

⁸ I would hurry and find myself a shelter

from the raging wind and the storm.

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Prayer of the Day

O Love most powerful grant us your strength. O Love most sweet let us taste your goodness.
O love most faithful let us rejoice in your presence. O Love most victorious persevere with
us to the last; for Jesu's sake. Amen

Gertrude of Helfta (1256-c.1302)