

SECOND READING

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians
4:12-14, 19-20*

Brothers and sisters:

I know how to live in humble circumstances;

I know also how to live with abundance.

In every circumstance and in all things

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of
going hungry,

of living in abundance and of being in need.

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need,

in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-10

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders
of the people

in parables, saying,

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king
who gave a wedding feast for his son.

He dispatched his servants

to summon the invited guests to the feast,
but they refused to come.

A second time he sent other servants, saying,

‘Tell those invited: “Behold, I have prepared my banquet,
my calves and fattened cattle are killed,
and everything is ready; come to the feast.”’

Some ignored the invitation and went away,
one to his farm, another to his business.

The rest laid hold of his servants,
mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged and sent his troops,
destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

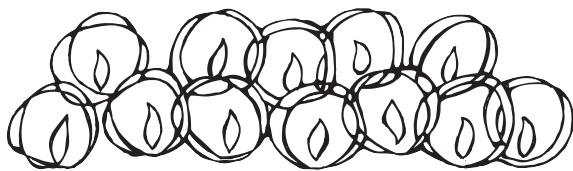
Then he said to his servants, ‘The feast is ready,
but those who were invited were not worthy to come.

Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find.’

The servants went out into the streets
and gathered all they found, bad and good alike,
and the hall was filled with guests.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Longer: Matthew 22:1-14]



Were not our hearts burning within us...