

P.S. DRESS CODE REQUIRED

Message from the Pastor

Isaiah 5:1–7 • Philippians 4:6–9 • Matthew 21:33–43



Isaiah imagines God preparing a feast for all peoples. Jesus takes up that image in the parable of the wedding banquet: the table is ready,

the invitation goes out, and yet some are too busy or too indifferent to come.

There is something comforting here for Holy Cross, but also something challenging. A parish can have a full calendar, faithful ministries, familiar faces, and still need to ask: Who has not yet discovered that there is a place here for them? Who is waiting for a personal invitation rather than another announcement?

The Gospel is not simply about filling seats. The wedding garment reminds us that grace asks for a response. Christ welcomes us as we are, but does not leave us unchanged. To come to the banquet is to learn the habits of the Kingdom: mercy, humility, service, forgiveness, and attention to those who might otherwise remain unnoticed. So perhaps this week we can do something wonderfully simple: notice someone, learn a name, extend an invitation, make room. God has prepared the feast. There is still room at the table but remember, this banquet does have a dress code.