



XXVIII SUNDAY  
15th of OCTOBER 2023 - Cycle A...



## PROM DRESSES



## SETTING

Contigo With you, Lord, owner of the vineyard, Master of the Kingdom, the one who unites us, makes us equal and to whom we are all invited, I begin this moment of encounter with you, alone, to meet you in life, in listening, in silence, in the dedication, in the gesture and the caress and expressing yourself in words, in the conversation with friends, in being with those who know you little, because they do not recognize you in everything, in their mud, in their small or great triumphs.

You are my companion on the road, strengthen my spirit, drive my dream, give me wings to fly with you.

May today's Word be light in my saying, in my efforts, in my mind. May I find you at my side as always, whispering in my ear with the delicacy and depth as always.

We are all invited to the banquet, let's listen to his call and let's party to celebrate life.

## **SONG. GOD WILL MAKE A WAY – DON MEON**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zo3fjYtS-o>

### **OGOSPEL – Mathew 22, 1-14**

“Jesus spoke again and spoke to them in parables, saying: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who celebrated the wedding banquet of his son. He sent his servants to call the guests to the wedding, but they did not want to come. He sent still other servants, with this charge: Tell the guests: "Look, my banquet is prepared, my bulls and fattened animals have been killed, and everything is ready; come to the wedding." But they, without paying attention, one went to his field, the other to his business; and the rest seized the servants, mocked them, and killed them. The king was angry and, sending his troops, he killed those murderers and set fire to his city. Then he said to his servants: "The wedding is ready, but the guests were not worthy. Go therefore to the crossroads and, as many as you find, invite to the wedding." The servants went out into the streets, gathered everyone they found, bad and good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. «The king came in to see the diners, and when he noticed that there was one there who did not have a wedding suit, he said to him: "Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding suit?" He remained silent. Then the king said to the servants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen."

### **To deepen the meaning of the texts (*de Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)**

**A treat:** A treat: this is the image that the prophet Isaiah has chosen to describe the culmination of God's project. We know well that this project is humanity finally united, finally pacified: sitting at the same table, sharing the same food, celebrating together is, without a doubt, an image of peace. Psalm 22/23 is very suggestive when listening to it. It is an echo of the first reading taken from the book of Isaiah: “You prepare a table for me before my enemies; you pour the perfume on my head, my cup overflows. Grace and happiness accompany me every day of my life; "I will dwell in the house of the LORD for years without end." Saint Paul encourages us in the same sense: «I can do all things in him who gives me strength” (it is understood “in Christ).

As for the Gospel of Matthew, today it proposes two parables that follow each other and are not similar: The parable of the invitation to the banquet

and the parable of the dismissal of the man who was not wearing the wedding dress. There are those who think that these two parables were not originally linked: it would be contradictory to demand a ceremonial dress from someone who has been caught on the street; But if Saint Matthew voluntarily superimposes them, it means that there is a lesson to be gained in this superimposition. Let's take them one after the other.

The Covenant between God and humanity is similar to weddings. It is realized in Jesus Christ and it is He himself who, in the gospels, is presented as the bridegroom. "A king was celebrating his son's wedding"...It is about the Kingdom of heaven, we are warned. This is why Saint Paul says that weddings are "the best image of God's relationship with humanity." Let's see the meaning of the two parables:

**The Jewish people first guest.** It will be said that the Jews were the first guests at the wedding; and the king counted on them to later extend the invitation and make all humanity enter after them. But, we already know what happened: the vast majority of Jews have refused to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. They didn't want to go to the wedding.

**The wedding suit.** Let's move on to the second parable: a man, invited at the last minute, enters without a wedding suit: he is unable to answer the question "Friend, why have you entered here without wearing the wedding suit?" Then, he was fired. This does not mean, at all, that it was necessary to satisfy a behavioural requirement or that the wedding dress could symbolize a certain merit... No, because, from the moment in which we speak of "merit" the grace of God who, by nature, is gratuitous! With God, there are no conditions to meet. The first parable says very well that everyone was able to enter, both the good and the bad.

So, what can this second parable mean? Let's look at the crowd that enters the wedding banquet hall. Everyone has been able to accept the unexpected invitation and has prepared properly. Only one has not considered it useful to do so and, furthermore, has not made excuses. Deep down, both he and the first guests have sinned through indifference or sufficiency. **Conclusion: the dress that is asked of us is humility.**

### Tips for prayer

- How do you experience the banquet party? Who are your wedding guests today?
- What is your wedding dress like?
- What do you need to add to it? How do you transmit the feast of the banquet in your life?



**MÚSICA AMBIENTAL.**

## MI ALIMENTO - Andrés Tejero

<https://youtu.be/AJ4QHyMF4VY?si=NaBtinueRfAOBGNA>

### DRESSES FOR THE OCCASION

With the illusion	Those who excused
Of a Father who	themselves,
Invite to a party	They did not go.
Among the disappointment	Others responded,
And the surprise	They came.
To your proposal	Enter the dynamic
Not expected.	Of being, being,
The one who does not accept	Trust him.
With excuses	Come with the suit
I cannot because	Partying,
I have something else,	Whoever you are.
I'm sorry...	Present yourself before Him,
Excuses	Not in any way.
What do we use	Simply
Many times,	How are you but
Thinking about ours,	With an open mind,
So as not to get involved,	The ready layout,
Not get wet	The open arms,
In our things.	The heart vibrating,
Listen and accept,	She attentive look,
The invitation means	Shod feet
Go to the banquet	And get ready to
And dress up for the party.	Go through facts,
	Dreams, possibilities.

### SONG. HELP ME LORD – MARI AUTIDA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbuRcFSIWdk>

### HÁGASE - Cristóbal Fones, SJ.Feat. Camila Garrido

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TabT1p1Mbl>



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