

This Sunday we celebrate the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

What is heaven like? We cannot know. But we are given hints, glimpses, images. The images we use to describe heaven are drawn from things we know on earth, things that inspire us and raise our hearts and minds: beautiful gardens, mountains and sunrises, music and great choirs singing, children playing and so on.

In our readings today we imagine heaven as a great wedding feast, with many guests, fabulous food and drink, and wonderful company.

We begin with *Isaiah 25:6-10*. This reading is often used at funerals. We are invited to the great banquet on the mountain of the Lord. There he will 'destroy Death forever' and 'wipe away the tears from every cheek'.

Then in the Gospel parable, *Matthew 22:1-10*, the King has set a great feast for his son's wedding. But the invited guests are not interested, too busy with their own affairs. More fool them.

The king sends his servants out to the crossroads to gather in everyone they can find to fill the wedding hall with guests.

All are invited to heaven. All are invited to the great feast. Just make sure you're not too busy with something else when it's time to enter the hall.