Space for God Water to Wine



PREPARATION

• In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit •

I know the greatness of the Lord – that our Lord is greater than any other god.

The Lord does whatever pleases him throughout all heaven and earth, and on the seas and in their depths.

He causes the clouds to rise over the whole earth. He sends the lightning with the rain and releases the wind from his storehouses.

Psalm 135:5-7

WORSHIP

How amazing are the deeds of the Lord!

All who delight in him should ponder them.

Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty.

His righteousness never fails.

He causes us to remember his wonderful works.

How gracious and merciful is our Lord!

Psalm 111:2-4

CONFESSION

And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures.

We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.

Titus 2:12-13

MEDITATION John 2:1-11,*

The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing.

Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read Slowly, several times.

Reflect What does the text say?

Respond How does it relate to my life?

Rest I welcome God's healing and renewal.

When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

ANCHORING PRAYER

Lord, I will do whatever you tell me.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

How has God revealed His glory to me? In what sense is the "cup" of my life empty or running low?

WISDOM

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens! May your glory shine over all the earth.

Psalm 57:5

And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

Colossians 3:4

TESTIMONY What is God saying to me today?

INTERCESSION For the Church-for others-for me.

BENEDICTION

Praise the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does such wonderful things. Praise his glorious name forever! Let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and amen!

Psalm 72:18-20

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.

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