

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

Reading 1

Citation: Isaiah, Chap. 62, Verses 1-5
Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah is trying to raise the spirits of the Israelites by reminding them that God had promised them His providence, protection and support. Despite the existing circumstances he urges them to remain faithful and, as a result, enjoy the benefits the God has promised. Be the cheerleader for your listeners. Remind them that God is always with them and will be at their side despite their problems. Be convincing!

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, (be excited!)
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch. (very short pause)

Nations shall behold your vindication, (your promising here)
and all the kings your glory;
you shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. (very short pause)

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, (awe)
a royal diadem held by your God. (more awe; slower pace)

No more shall people call you "Forsaken," (separate last word from the statement)
or your land "Desolate,"
but you shall be called "My Delight,"
and your land "Espoused."
For the LORD delights in you
and makes your land his spouse. (very short pause)

As a young man marries a virgin, (be joyful)
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you. (pride!)
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The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL

Citation: John, Chap. 2, Verses 1-11
John 2: 1-11

Pure story. A wonder-full story. Show Mary's compassion; Jesus' seeming insensitivity to His mother. Picture how the servers must have felt when they witnessed what Jesus did. Show the concern on the headwaiter – did the bridegroom make a mistake? End with a note of proud triumph – God is working among His people!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

(very short pause)

When the wine ran short,
the mother of Jesus said to him,
"They have no wine."

(concern; not a passing comment)

And Jesus said to her,
"Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come."

(tone is almost dismissive)

(very short pause)

His mother said to the servers,
"Do whatever he tells you."

(almost an order)

Now there were six stone water jars there
for Jewish ceremonial washings,
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.

(parenthetical)

Jesus told them,
"Fill the jars with water."

(firm)

So they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them,
"Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."
So they took it.

(more than a suggestion)

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,
without knowing where it came from
although the servers who had drawn the water knew -,
the headwaiter called the bridegroom
and said to him,

(not quite parenthetical)-
(parenthetical)

"Everyone serves good wine first, and then
when people have drunk freely,
an inferior one;
but you have kept the good wine until now."

(almost parenthetical)

(not quite an accusation)

Proclamation Format

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him.

(very short pause)
(assurance; confidence)

The Gospel of the Lord.