



‘Turn our water into wine’

The Beacon Parish

Sunday 24th January 2021

Welcome

**All Faithful God,
whose word is life:
come with saving power
to forgive our sins,
free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
All Amen.

Gospel

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

A wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him,

'They have no more wine.'

Jesus replied, 'Woman, why do you involve me?'

'My hour has not yet come.'

His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water';

so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them,

'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

Then he called the bridegroom aside and said,

'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine

after the guests have had too much to drink;

but you have saved the best till now.'

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee

was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory;

and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Poem

When the wine runs dry
at the festival of life,
when words fail, and music dies;
when our joys wear thin,
or old friendships end in strife,
and our laughter turns to sighs –
then come, Lord Jesus
turn our water into wine.

as you turn the rain from heaven
to the sweetness of the vine;
turn the tears of our night
into songs of the day,
and revive us with your Spirit
as we walk the pilgrim way;
and baptise us with a fresh desire
to love you and obey –
Jesus, turn our water into wine.

When you took your towel and bowl
and you washed those weary feet,
you turned that water into wine.
And when we, at your command,
give a cup to cool the heat,
you turn that water into wine.

So come, Lord Jesus,
bring your heaven down to earth,
and fulfil the ancient prophecy
that at the world's new birth
every tear will be dried up
and there will be no more sea;
for we understand the reason
why such wonders have to be –
it's because you'll have completed
what began in Galilee:
you'll have turned all the water into wine.

Prayers

Let's pray that Jesus will fill us with his living wine
and as we pray if you'd like to respond with the words
'Come Lord Jesus' by saying 'Turn our water into wine'.
Come Lord Jesus,

All Turn our water into wine.

Lord Jesus you trod the winepress alone and no one was with you:
We pray for everyone who feels alone today
and that no one is remembering them.
By your power may they sense that we are praying for them right now.
And we pray too for anyone we know who's going through a real struggle;
struggle of loneliness,
struggle of worry about work or money or family, struggle of ill-health,
struggle on these dark winter days,
and struggle because of the flooding and bad weather.
We pray for our own struggles;
for your help with those things we find hard to believe,
habits we find hard to give up
and hardened hearts and attitudes
that we have towards other people.
Come Lord Jesus,

All Turn our water into wine.

Lord Jesus, we give thanks that you share in our celebrations and joys,
and while we may not be able to celebrate as we would like to at the moment,
help us to see the small gifts in life
and those things we often take for granted.
Help us to remember to thank you before every meal,
at the end of every day
and at the start of every new one.
Come Lord Jesus,

All Turn our water into wine.

We pray that your new wine would fill our nation
as we strive against Covid and seek to help people through such difficult times.
We remember also countries across the seas,
praying particularly for the United States
and their new president and administration.
Come Lord Jesus,
All Turn our water into wine.

We pray for your Church,
that as your disciples, you would help us to be 'Amphora'
who take your new wine to other people.
Help us to change peoples preconceived ideas of what you are like,
that they may come to realise
your generosity and abundant limitless love.
Come Lord Jesus
All Turn our water into wine.

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.
All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

All honour and praise be yours ever-living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord:
for today we celebrate the wonder of your saving presence
made known to us in signs and miracles.
In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches and sorrow into joy;
for in Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread,
and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us
the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.
With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
**All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us,
not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

The table of bread and wine is now ready,
it is the table of company with Jesus;
so, come to the table,
it is Jesus who invites you to meet him.

Prayer after Communion

All God of glory,
you nourish us with the bread of hope
and the wine of life;
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that by our lives
we may produce the fruit of the Vine.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

May God
who in Christ Jesus turned water in to wine
pour upon you the richness of his grace
and the blessing ...

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.