

In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

By miraculous star and the Magi's worship He was revealed to be Divine. As He was protected in Egypt and then called out, He was shown to be the Son of God. The amazing answers He gave to Israel's teachers manifested His Divinity, for the Scriptures they studied were His Words. After coming out of the Jordan waters, the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove and remained. Every miraculous manifestation proclaimed that Mary's Son is the Son of God.

But now, at Cana, His Epiphany is made more complete. For there, at the wedding feast lacking wine, His Divine Nature worked through His Human Nature to bring forth the first of His signs – the first of His public proofs of His Divinity – for at a Word the creation obeyed His command. Elements spoken into being during the first six days submitted to His will. The God who said “Let there be” and there was stood among them in that dusty Galilean town, God enfleshed.

John begins his account of the Wedding at Cana, and Jesus' miracle of changing water into wine, by saying “On the third day”. Taken together with what has just happened, the “third day” was the sixth day of the week, Friday, man's day. So now, on the sixth day, the six waterpots are filled with the New, the sixth day fulfilled as the Perfect Man is revealed.

Still another sixth day lay ahead – the Friday that we call Good – but at Cana His hour had not yet come. But it would be there, not at Cana in stone water jars, but at Golgotha, in the flood of Blood and Water, that the cleansing that takes away the sin of the world would be finished.

For no earthly washing can cleanse fallen man of sin. Although the water jars served the requirement of the Law, where Christ is, there the Law is fulfilled. Where the Old is fulfilled, there is the New superabundant, filled to the brim. So the miracle at Cana is good news for you. For wash as you may, scrub as you might, the soil that pollutes you is not only skin deep. Your sins have been many, but no washing you can provide can remove that filth.

And the Holy Law of God stands, as did those stone water jars, to point to your uncleanness. Full or empty, those stone jars did their work. They reminded everyone that passed by them that they were dirty according to the Law. That is the work of the Law, the Law scribed not into jars but into tablets of stone, by the Finger of God.

What those stone jars did is the work of the Law – to call men dirty, to point to your sin, to reveal what you would prefer to hide, to manifest what you would rather deny, to accuse, to slay. And the jealousy and pride and egocentrism and lust and pettiness and gossip that is part and parcel of fallen human flesh, of your flesh, is precisely the defilement that the Law reveals.

That defilement is what separates you from God. So the miracle at Cana is good news for you, for there was your Savior made manifest. There did He publicly show forth His Divinity. There did created elements hearken to His will. There were those minions of the Law, the stone jars, made bearers of the New, filled to the brim with the best wine, the wine that testifies to the Divinity of Mary's Son, the Savior of all mankind.

Just as the King of the Jews wasn't born in Jerusalem, so was His first miracle not performed there. Jerusalem was reserved for another purpose, for it is the city where they kill the Prophets and stone those sent to her. Jerusalem would fulfill her murderous work when the King of the Jews was paraded outside of the city in a macabre processional and crucified.

At Cana, His hour had not yet come. But His hour would come, not in providing wine, but in refusing it on the cross, where He would again call His mother "woman" in His perfect keeping of the Fourth Commandment, and where the True Bridegroom won the forgiveness of the True Bride, His Holy Church, redeemed by His shed Blood. It is there that the Law was fulfilled, it was there that it was finished.

As the unsuspecting groom at Cana was credited with bringing out the best wine last, a miracle that he didn't perform, a work he didn't do, so are you, the True Bride of Christ, His Holy Church, credited with a righteousness that is not yours, a righteousness imputed to you by grace through faith in the True Bridegroom, the One who worked the miracle at Cana, the One who worked the miracle of the empty tomb. For it is there that He manifested His glory, that all men believe in Him.

For you, you redeemed of Christ, you cleansed in the only washing that can purify your soul, the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit; you covered by the propitiation of Christ's Shed Blood, you filled to the brim by the Spirit that He alone can give, the Spirit of the Living God; for you there is a model of life and faith in the account of the miracle at Cana.

For there, at Cana, having need, Mary sought Christ. That is what faith does. Faith trusts in Him. For He alone can supply the righteousness and hope lacking in your life. He alone can perform the miracles that bring the forgiveness and life that He won to you. He alone can keep you steadfast in faith, by the miracles of His Word and His Holy Mysteries, manifestations of the Divine wrapped in the earthly, God made Man manifest in Paten and Chalice and placed into you.

Faith responds to Christ as did His mother: "Whatever He says to you, do it." Faith submits to the Word of God. Faith prays "Thy will be done." So this day in faith you hearken to His Word. For to you He says "Take and eat. Take and drink." And the Suffering Servant that directed the servants at Cana to bring forth the miraculous wine, directs His Called and Ordained servant to give you to drink of the Wine He miraculously makes His Blood. You eat His Body and drink His Blood, and you are filled to the brim with His righteousness.

In love, in mercy, the Christ the Magi worshipped, the Son of God called out of Egypt, the Life-giving Word, Wisdom Incarnate, the One upon whom the Spirit descended and remained, the Only-begotten Son of God, makes you more than a guest at His Table. He makes you His Holy Bride, setting you apart, cleansing you, filling you, that you be made ready for the True Wedding Feast, the Wedding Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end.

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