



Liturgy Cycle C

# **Second Sunday Of The Year**

## **Water Into Wine**

### **Introduction**

At a wedding in Cana Jesus changed water into excellent wine. Wine is a symbol of God's love and forgiveness. This wine came into the world with Christ, and is available in abundance to those who realize their need of it and who seek it with all their hearts. Let us reflect on our need of this wine.

Lord, you change the water of doubt into the wine of faith.  
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you change the water of despair into the wine of hope.  
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you change the water of selfishness into the wine of love.  
Lord, have mercy.

### **First Reading (Isaiah 62:1-5)**

When this was written Jerusalem lay in ruins and the plight of God's people was like that of a widow deprived of her children. It announces a joyful feast for God and his people.

### **Second Reading (1 Cor 12:4-11)**

St Paul tells us that, though there are many different gifts among us, they all come from God's Spirit, and should be used for the good of all.

### **Gospel (John 2:1-12)**

This relates the first of the signs given by Jesus, when at a wedding in Cana he changed water into wine at the request of his mother.

### **Prayer Of The Faithful**

Let us pray to God our Father that the miracle of Cana may happen in our families, in our communities, and also in the hearts of us all.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the Church: that they may build it into a sacrament of unity, love and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.



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**For all those in public office: that God may give them a strong and unselfish love so that they may work for the progress of all people. Let us pray to the Lord.**

**R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For couples who are experiencing difficulty in their marriages: that in their need they may find the help of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.**

**R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**That Christ may touch us and transform our lives, especially in moments of sorrow and hurt. Let us pray to the Lord.**

**R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Let us pray:**

**Heavenly Father, may we experience your Son's gentle and loving presence in our lives so that, when our own efforts are not enough, he may support us with his grace and strength. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.**

### **Communion Reflection**

**With the coming of Jesus  
the wine of God's love, forgiveness, acceptance and peace  
has come into the world.**

**It is made freely available  
to all those who answer the invitation  
to partake of the banquet of the Kingdom of God.**

**With his coming a great transformation happened.  
Everywhere he went the old was made new.  
At Cana he changed water into wine.  
At Naim for a poor widow he changed tears into joy.  
At Jericho for Zacchaeus he changed selfishness into generosity.**

**On Calvary for the good thief he changed despair into hope.  
On Easter morning he changed death into life.**

**What a pity if we settled for the old wine  
when the new wine is offered in such abundance  
to all those who seek it in their need.**

**Change us, Lord, so. that we may be able to contain the new wine,  
and then through us it will flow to others,  
and the world will know that you live among us.**