

Year C BCP Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 - St. Peter's Cathedral  
Epiphany 2

## **'The Lord is Here'**

### **Introduction**

In the season of Epiphany, we celebrate three major events in the life of Jesus which we can relate to our own lives. First, Jesus was born. Three foreign kings came to worship the new king, a new kind of king. Second, the adult Jesus was spiritually re-born through the waters of baptism. He emerged from the waters of baptism hearing God acknowledge him as beloved Son in whom well pleased and Jesus experienced the anointing, as light as a dove in flight, of the Holy Spirit. Third, Jesus was at a wedding when he overcome initial uncertainty and took his first step into a new way of living. At Cana, Jesus followed in the faith of his ancestors: Abraham, Sarah, Hannah, Samuel, David, Jeremiah, each of whom had said "But" to God, even his own mother, before they gave their 'Yes'.

### **John 2:1-11 - The Marriage in Cana of Galilee.**

At the wedding in Cana, Jesus committed himself to a life of steadfast loving service to God and neighbour. In the midst of his own uncertainty, he acted out of faith in God, the Father who had created him.

You see, he knew the spiritual gifts he had been given and at the wedding the bridegroom and bride were in dire need. To run out of food or wine at a wedding in Jesus' day signified insufficient blessing on a whole community - for the day and in the future. It threatened the structure and stability of the district. The reputation and honour of the families of the couple who had allowed it to happen was diminished.

The situation was brought to him by the one person who had known him, loved and observed him, all his life. Jesus confirmed Mary his mother's faith in him and fulfilled for her, her faith in God. God had told her that she would bear the saviour of the world. Jesus' new way of being in the world could not be hidden from those who'd known him previously as a rabbi, a teacher and leader. It took courage because, let's face it, the gift of miracles is a pretty showy gift but necessary for making things whole.

### **Conclusion.**

Making whole, whether a feast, a body, a mind, a spirit, a teaching, or a law was what Jesus of Nazareth brought to the world of God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. God the Son, fills up the feast of life set before us with joy, finest delight, and it will never run out. Let him live in us!