



# *The Ultimate Wedding Feast*

## **Union with Christ**

Grace Fellowship Church  
December 13, 2009

### **Prelude**

Brad Spence

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach

### **Welcome**

Pastor Brad Bigney

### **Entrance of the Groom**

*Bridal Chorus* Wagner

Jesus Christ

### **Call to celebration**

**Revelation 19:5-7**

*Alleuia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!*  
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*We rejoice and give Him glory!*  
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*For the marriage of the Lamb has come*  
*And we are ready*  
*Maranatha, Lord Jesus!*  
*Come Quickly!*

**Revelation 19: 8-10** "And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, 'Write: "Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God.'" And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, 'See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant... worship God!'"

## Songs

*"Salvation Belongs to Our God"  
"How Great is Our God"*

## Sermon

Pastor Brad Bigney

**Matthew 22:29-30** "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels of God in heaven."

**Romans 7:1-6** "... you have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another, even to Him who was raised from the dead..."

**Colossians 2:9-10** "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."

**Colossians 3:1-4** "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

## Declaration of Intent

**John 14:18-21, 23, 27; 15:9-11, 16a**

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you... At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you... And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him... Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid... As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full... You did not choose Me, but I chose you..."

## The Vows, part 1

In the knowledge of His love and faithfulness to you will you take Him as your own? And in faith and repentance do you accept Jesus Christ as your only hope and Savior? And forsaking all other gods and all other treasures are you willing to publicly before the Father and the world now declare your love for Him?

If this is your intent, please say, *'I do.'*

Your Bridegroom, Jesus, has already vowed to love you. Through His Word we read that He has vowed:

To love you as His own body  
To never to leave you  
To never turn from you or reject you  
To give you what is best  
To fill you with His love, peace and joy  
To lay down his life for you  
To pray for you  
To return and take you to his home, His Father  
To be faithful to you for all eternity

**Romans 8:31-32, 35, 38-39** "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **The Vows, part 2**

*I take the God-Man Jesus,  
As the Lover of my soul  
As my Savior and Lord,  
As my God and King.  
And by God's grace  
I will cling to Him and Him only  
I will live with Him and walk with Him  
According to God's sovereign plan  
In this holy state of salvation.  
I will obey Him,  
serve Him,  
love Him,  
honor Him  
prize Him  
And forsaking all others,  
Cling only to Him  
Until death brings us face to face  
In eternal glory  
Delighting in each other  
For eternity.*

### **Pledge or Seal of Commitment -**

Holy Spirit

**Ephesians 1:13-14** "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."

## Unity candle

**Isaiah 9:2** "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined."

**John 8:12** "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**Matthew 5:14, 16** "You are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

## Celebration of Worship

*"Beautiful One"*

*"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"*

*"Immanuel (From the Squalor)"*

*"Happy Day"*

## Scripture

**Revelation 22:1-5** "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup> In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. <sup>4</sup> They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever."

**Revelation 22:17** "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come! And let him who hears say, 'Come!' and let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

## Benediction -

### **Jude 1:24**

*"To him who is able to keep you from falling  
and to present you before his glorious presence  
without fault  
and with great joy –  
to the only God our Savior  
be glory, majesty, power and authority,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
before all ages,  
now and forevermore! Amen."*

**Postlude**    *Wedding March*    Mendelssohn