

## Guess Who's Coming to Supper

Luke 13:22-30, Micah 4:1-5

World Communion Sunday

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***People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.*** (Luke 13:29)

1. There will be a \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven, of which the Lord's Supper is a foretaste.

Isaiah 25:6-8 ***On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines. 7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.***

Luke 22: 15-16 ***And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."***

2. This banquet is for \_\_\_\_\_ of people.

Luke 13:29 ***People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.***

Revelation 5:9-10 ***9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."***

Revelation 7:9-10 ***After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"***

3. But on earth we experience \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 24:7 ***For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.***

Psalms 120:7 ***I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war!***

4. We find unity \_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 3:28 ***There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.***

Colossians 3:11 ***Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.***

5. We are an \_\_\_\_\_ to the divided world.

Matthew 5:14-16 ***“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that<sup>[a]</sup> they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.***

*Lord, make us instruments of Your peace, where there is hatred let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love: for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. (Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi)*

6. The point is not unity in diversity, but \_\_\_\_\_.

I John 4:19 ***We love because he first loved us.***

John 13:34 ***A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.***

Matthew 5:44-47 ***But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?***

Romans 5:5 ***and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.***